FORM 4

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* SMITH JOHN ALEXANDER (Last) (First) (Middle) 2 TECH DRIVE						Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol MKS INSTRUMENTS INC [MKSI] Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/26/2013									all app	er (give title		10% O Other (below)	wner (specify
(Street) ANDOVER MA 01810 (City) (State) (Zip)					- 4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								6. Indiv Line) X	Form	or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable m filed by One Reporting Person m filed by More than One Reporting son			
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Common Stock 02/26/20)13		S		1,600	D	\$27.	13 ⁽¹⁾ 0.		0.392		D	
		Та	ıble II -								osed of, convertib				vned				
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	Conversion Date Execution Date, or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any (Month/Day/Year) Derivative		Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Nu of Deriv Secu Acqu (A) or Dispo of (D) (Instrand 5	ative rities ired osed	6. Date Expirati (Month)	ion Da /Day/Y		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)		9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	Ov Fo Dir or (I)	vnership rm: rect (D) Indirect (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	

Explanation of Responses:

1. This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$27.13 to \$27.15 The price reported above reflects the weighted average sale price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide, upon request, the full information regarding the number of shares and prices at which the transaction was effected.

> /s/Renee M. Donlan POA 02/28/2013

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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