FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name an		2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol MKS INSTRUMENTS INC [MKSI]									all app Direc	olicable) ctor		Owner				
							3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/02/2012								belov	,	Othe beloverating Office	<i>'</i>
(Street) ANDOVER MA 01810 (City) (State) (Zip)					4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								6. Indiv Line) X	ridual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																		
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transactio Date (Month/Day/)						Execution Date,		3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) 4. Securities Acquired (A) of Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 1)				and 5) Secur Benef		icially d Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership		
									Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price		Trans	action(s) 3 and 4)		(Instr. 4)
Common Stock 03/02/20							12		S		4,592	D	\$30.0	038(1)		.0.088	D	
	Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)																	
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	if any	on Date,	4. Transa Code (8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Expirat (Month	tion Da		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4)		Deriv Secu (Inst	rative rity :	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(: (Instr. 4)	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercis	sable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares					

Explanation of Responses:

1. This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$30.00 to \$30.15 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 03/05/2012

** 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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