FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* STEWART WILLIAM D						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol MKS INSTRUMENTS INC [MKSI]								k all applical Director	tionship of Reporting Person all applicable) Director Officer (give title			rner pecify
(Last) 2 TECH	,	(First) (Middle)				3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/02/2012								below) below) VP/GM, Vacuum Products			poony	
(Street) ANDOV (City)	/ER MA 01810 (State) (Zip)				4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								6. Indi Line)	·				
		Ţ	able I - No	n-Deriva	tive S	Secu	rities Ad	quirec	l, Dis	sposed (of, or Be	enef	icially	Owned				
Dat				Date	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) of Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4					Form:	Direct Indirect It. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
									v	Amount	(A) (D)	or	Price	Transactio (Instr. 3 an	n(s) d 4)			(Instr. 4)
Common Stock 04/02					/2012		М	Τ	5,592.	158	1	(1)	12,841.237		D			
Common Stock 04/02					1/02/2012					6,037.	097	4	(1) 18,8		8.334		D	
Common Stock 04/02					02/2012				Π	3,61	7 I	\$29.7		15,261.334		D		
			Table II -							oosed of converti				wned				
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Yea	Code	action (Instr.	Deri Sec Acq or D	umber of ivative urities juired (A) Disposed of (Instr. 3, 4 5)	6. Date I Expiration (Month/I	on Dat		7. Title and Amour Securities Underly Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		erlying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Numbe derivative Securities Beneficia Owned Following Reported Transaction	ve es ally ng d	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisa	able	Expiration Date	Title		ount or nber of ires		(Instr. 4)			
Restricted Stock Unit	(1)	04/02/2012		M ⁽³⁾			5,592.158	(4)		(4)	Common Stock	5,5	92.158	(1)	0		D	
Restricted Steels Unit	(1)	04/02/2012		M ⁽³⁾			6,037.097	(5)		(5)	Common	6,0	37.097	(1)	0		D	

Explanation of Responses:

Stock Unit

- 1. Each restricted stock unit represents the contingent right to receive one share of common stock of MKS Instruments, Inc.
- 2. This transaction was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan previously adopted by the reporting person.
- 3. Mr. Stewart resigned from the Company on April 2, 2012. Upon Mr. Stewart's resignation for good cause, 100% of unvested RSUs vest per agreement with Company
- 4. These RSUs are subject to the achievement of performance criteria determined in the first year of the grant and thereafter vests in equal annual installments over three years
- 5. The RSUs vest in equal annual installments over three years.

/s/Renee M. Donlan POA 04/03/2012

Stock

** 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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