

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20549**

SCHEDULE 14A
(Rule 14A-101)

**INFORMATION REQUIRED IN
PROXY STATEMENT**

SCHEDULE 14A INFORMATION

**Proxy Statement Pursuant to Section 14(a) of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934
(Amendment No.)**

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MKS Instruments, Inc.
(Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

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**SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIAL TO OUR PROXY STATEMENT
FOR OUR ANNUAL MEETING TO BE HELD ON MAY 8, 2019**

This Supplement dated April 30, 2019 amends and supplements the Proxy Statement of MKS Instruments, Inc. (the “Company”) dated March 28, 2019 (the “Proxy Statement”), with the following information:

Engagement of Proxy Solicitor

Subsequent to filing the Proxy Statement for our 2019 Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be held on May 8, 2019, the Company engaged Georgeson LLC (“Georgeson”), an independent proxy solicitation firm, to assist in soliciting proxies on our behalf. The Company has agreed to pay Georgeson a fee of \$15,000, plus costs and expenses, for these services. In addition, we have agreed to indemnify Georgeson and certain related persons against certain liabilities relating to or arising out of Georgeson’s engagement. Other costs of soliciting votes in connection with the Proxy Statement have been, or will be, paid by the Company.

Important Information

The Company has filed the definitive Proxy Statement with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) and has furnished to its shareholders the Proxy Statement in connection with the solicitation of proxies for its 2019 Annual Meeting of Shareholders. The Company advises its shareholders to read the Proxy Statement relating to the 2019 Annual Meeting, as amended and supplemented by this Supplement, because it contains important information. Shareholders may obtain a free copy of the Proxy Statement and other documents that the Company files with the SEC at the SEC’s website at www.sec.gov.
