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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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| Instruction 1(b). | |

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| | | n* | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>MKS INSTRUMENTS INC</u> [MKSI] | | tionship of Reporting all applicable) Director | Perso X | n(s) to Issuer 10% Owner |
|------------------------|------------------|----------|---|------------|--|------------|-----------------------------|
| (Last) 90 INDUSTRIA | (First) L WAY | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/30/2006 | | Officer (give title below) | | Other (specify below) |
| | | | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | idual or Joint/Group F | iling (| Check Applicable |
| (Street) WILMINGTON | MA | 01887 | | Line) X | Form filed by One F Form filed by More | · | • |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | | | Person | | |

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transa Code (8) | | | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--|---|------------------------------|---|---------|---------------|---------|---|---|---|
| | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | (|
| Common | 03/30/2006 | | S | | 100,000 | D | \$23.17 | 4,211,580 | Ι | By Spouse |
| Common | | | | | | | | 4,346,784 | D | |
| Common | | | | | | | | 1,413 | Ι | By Limited Partnership |

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) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transa Code (8) | | of Expiratio Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Date | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | A 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---|---|--|---|------------------------------|---|--|--|--|--------------------|---|--|---|--|--|--|
| | | | | Code | v | | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

By: Joseph M.Tocci / POA 03/31/2006

** 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).

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