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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Abrams John R</u> <hr/> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>2 TECH DRIVE, SUITE 201</u> <hr/> (Street) <u>ANDOVER MA 01810</u> <hr/> (City) (State) (Zip)			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>MKS INSTRUMENTS INC [MKSI]</u>			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Sr. VP, Global Sales & Service</u>		
			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>05/11/2017</u>			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)					

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	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			
Common Stock	05/11/2017		M		2,964.895	A	(1)	2,965.132	D	
Common Stock	05/11/2017		F ⁽²⁾		963	D	\$80.5	2,002.132	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)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		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	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
Restricted Stock Unit	(1)	05/11/2017		M			2,964.895	(3)	(3)	Common Stock	2,964.895	(1)	13,609.989	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- Each restricted stock unit represents the contingent right to receive one share of common stock of MKS Instruments, Inc.
- This transaction was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan previously adopted by the reporting person.
- These RSUs originally were scheduled to vest in two equal installments based on the Company's achievement of certain performance criteria for the period ending June 30, 2017 and June 30, 2018. On May 10, 2017, the Compensation Committee accelerated in full the vesting of these RSUs to May 11, 2017 as a result of the Company's 100% achievement of the performance criteria.

/s/ M. Kathryn Rickards,
attorney-in-fact

05/12/2017

** 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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