### FORM 4

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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|--|--|------------------------|---|-------|---|---|--|---|-------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|---|--------------------------|---|--|--|---|---|----------------------|---|-------|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  EMERSON ELECTRIC CO  |  |                        |   |       |   | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  MKS INSTRUMENTS INC [ MKSI ] |  |   |       |                                      |                            |   |                          |   | Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director X 10% Owner |  |   |   |                      |   |       |
| (Last)<br>8000 W.  | (Fii<br>FLORISSA   | ,                      | Midd  | le)   |   | Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br>3/29/2006                |  |   |       |                                      |                            |   |                          |   | er (give tit   |  |   |   |                      |   |       |
| (Street) ST LOUI   |  |                        | 5313<br>Zip)                                  | 6     | -   4. I1<br>-                              |   |  |   |       |                                      |                            |   |                          | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  Form filed by One Reporting Person  X 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. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Ye       | ar) E | 2A. Deer<br>Execution<br>if any<br>(Month/I |   | Cod  | Transaction<br>Code (Instr.                     |       | 4. Securities Acc<br>Disposed Of (D) |                            | quired (A) or<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)  |                          |   | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned Following                              |  | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) |   | Indir<br>Bene<br>Own | eficial<br>ership   |       |
|  |  |                        |   |       |   |   |  | Cod   | de V  | Д                                    | Amount                     | (A) oi<br>(D)   | r <sub>P</sub>           | Price   |  | Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)   |   |   |                      | (Inst   | r. 4) |
| Common Stock   |  |                        | 03/29/200                                     | 6     |   |   | S  |   |       | 15,000                               |                            | \$  | \$23.2516 <sup>(1)</sup> |   | 7,491,711  |  |   |   |                      | ough a<br>sidiary <sup>(2)</sup>                                  |       |
| Common Stock 03/30/20  |  |                        | 03/30/200                                     | 6     |   |   | s  | S   |       | 15,000                               | D                          | \$23.1556(3)  |                          | 5 <sup>(3)</sup>  | 7,476,711  |  | I   |   |                      | ough a<br>sidiary <sup>(2)</sup>                                  |       |
| Common Stock   |  |                        |   |       |   |   |  |   |       |                                      |                            |   |                          |   | 1,065,182  |  | D <sup>(4)</sup>  |   |                      |   |       |
| Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) |  |                        |   |       |   |   |  |   |       |                                      |                            |   |                          |   |  |  |   |   |                      |   |       |
| Derivative Conversion Date Ex.<br>Security or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if a   |  | Exe<br>if ar           | Deemed<br>cution Date,<br>iy<br>nth/Day/Year) |       | Transaction<br>Code (Instr.                 |   | mber<br>ative<br>rities<br>ired<br>sed<br>3, 4 | 6. Date Exerci<br>Expiration Da<br>(Month/Day/Y |       | Date                                 | Ai<br>Se<br>Ui<br>De<br>Se | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative<br>Security (Instr. 3<br>and 4) |                          | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5)   |  | 9. Number<br>derivative<br>Securitie<br>Beneficia<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transacti<br>(Instr. 4) | e<br>s<br>Illy  | Ownershi<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4 |                      | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>Instr. 4) |       |
|  |  | O N Date Expiration of |   |       |   |   | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares         |   |       |                                      |                            |   |                          |   |  |  |   |   |                      |   |       |
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  EMERSON ELECTRIC CO  |  |                        |   |       |   |   |  |   |       |                                      |                            |   |                          |   |  |  |   |   |                      |   |       |

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  EMERSON ELECTRIC CO     |         |          |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|---|---------|----------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| (Last)  | (First) | (Middle) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 8000 W. FLORISSANT AVE.   |         |          |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| (Street)  |         |          |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ST LOUIS  | MO      | 63136    |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| (City)  | (State) | (Zip)    |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>ASTEC AMERICA INC</u> |         |          |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| (Last)  | (First) | (Middle) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5810 VAN ALLEN WAY  |         |          |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| (Street)  |         |          |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| CARLSBAD  | CA      | 92008    |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| (City)  | (State) | (Zip)    |  |  |  |  |  |  |

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. The sales were effected in multiple transactions, at varying prices, on March 29, 2006, as follows: 2,248 shares at \$23.23; 1,000 at \$23.24; 6,206 at \$23.25; 3,200 at \$23.26; and 2,346 at \$23.27. The weighted average sales price for these transactions was \$23.2516 per share.
- 2. The reported securities are owned directly by Astec America Inc. The Reporting Person is the ultimate parent company of Astec America Inc.
- 3. The sales were effected in multiple transactions, at varying prices, on March 30, 2006, as follows: 100 shares at \$23.07; 100 at \$23.09; 1,300 at \$23.10; 700 at \$23.11; 1,700 at \$23.12; 1,100 at

\$23.13; 700 at \$23.14; 2,600 at \$23.15; 1,500 at \$23.16; 900 at \$23.17; 900 at \$23.18; 412 at \$23.19; 688 at \$23.20; 700 at \$23.21; 100 at \$23.22; 200 at \$23.23; 400 at \$23.24; 200 at \$23.26; 100 at \$23.27; 100 at \$23.29; and 200 at \$23.30. The weighted average sales price for these transactions was \$23.1556 per share.

4. The reported securities are owned directly by Emerson Electric Co.

#### Remarks:

See Exhibit 99.1 - Joint Filer Information

/s/ Harley M. Smith, Assistant

Secretary for Emerson Electric 03/31/2006

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/s/ Harley M. Smith, Secretary

03/31/2006

Date

for Astec America Inc.

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- $^{\star}$  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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#### Joint Filer Information

Astec America Inc., 5810 Van Allen Way, Carlsbad, California 92008, has designated Emerson Electric Co. as the "Designated Filer" for the purposes of the attached Form 4.

Issuer & Ticker Symbol: MKS Instruments, Inc. (MKSI)

Date of Events Requiring Statement: 03/29/06

03/30/06

Signature: /s/ Harley M. Smith

By: Harley M. Smith, Assistant Secretary

of Emerson Electric Co.

Signature: /s/ Harley M. Smith

By: Harley M. Smith, Secretary

of Astec America Inc.