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# FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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| obligations may continue. See          |
| Instruction 1(b).                      |

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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|                        |         | n*       | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol<br>MKS INSTRUMENTS INC [ MKSI ] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer<br>(Check all applicable) |  |                       |  |  |  |
|------------------------|---------|----------|--|--|--|-----------------------|--|--|--|
|                        |         |          |  | X  | Director   | 10% Owner             |  |  |  |
| (Last)<br>2 TECH DRIVE | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br>02/16/2011                     |  | Officer (give title below)                         | Other (specify below) |  |  |  |
|                        |         |          | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                           | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)                |  |                       |  |  |  |
| (Street)<br>ANDOVER    | МА      | 01810    |  | X  | Form filed by One Repor<br>Form filed by More than | ů.                    |  |  |  |
| (City)                 | (State) | (Zip)    |  |  | 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/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | Transaction<br>Code (Instr. |   | 4. Securities<br>Disposed Of |               |                               | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned Following<br>Reported | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--|---|-----------------------------|---|------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------|---|---|---|
|                                 |  |   | Code                        | v | Amount                       | (A) or<br>(D) | Price                         | Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4)  |   | (1130.4)  |
| Common Stock                    | 02/16/2011                                 |   | S                           |   | 2,000                        | D             | <b>\$30.13</b> <sup>(1)</sup> | 16,445  | D   |   |

## Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transa<br>Code (<br>8) |   | of<br>Deriv<br>Secu<br>Acqu<br>(A) or<br>Dispo<br>of (D)<br>(Instr | 5. Number<br>of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed<br>of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4<br>and 5) |                     | ate                | Amount of |  | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) |  | Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---|---|--|---|------------------------------|---|--|---|---------------------|--------------------|-----------|--|---|--|---|--|
|   |   |  |   | Code                         | v | (A)  | (D)   | Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | Title     | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |   |  |   |  |

Explanation of Responses:

1. This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$30.13 to \$30.13. The price reported above reflects the weighted average sale price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide, upon request, the full information regarding the number of shares and prices at which the transaction was effected.

### /s/Renee M. Donlan POA 02/17/2011

\*\* 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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