FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* SMITH JOHN ALEXANDER							2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol MKS INSTRUMENTS INC [MKSI]								c all applical Director	,		n(s) to Issue 10% Ow Other (s	ner
(Last) 2 TECH	`	iirst)	(Middle)			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/28/2013								X	below)	Sr. VP, AS		below)	
(Street) ANDOV		IA	01810		4	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								6. Indi Line) X					
(City)	(5	State)	(Zip)		_														
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1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transaci Date (Month/Day						Execution Date,		3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 ar				nd 5) Securities Beneficiall Owned Fo		Form:	Direct Indirect It. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
									Code	v	Amount	(A (D) or)	Price	Reported Transaction (Instr. 3 ar				(Instr. 4)
Common Stock 02						2013			M		1,419.0	54 A		(1)	1,419.446		D		
Common Stock 02/28					28/20	2013			M		999		Α	(1)	2,418.446		D		
Common Stock 02/28/2					28/20	2013			F ⁽²⁾		789		D	\$27.14	27.14 1,629			D	
Common Stock 03/01/2					01/20	2013		S		1,629		D	\$26.75 ⁽³⁾	0.446		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)	tive Conversion Date ty or Exercise (Month/Day/Year)		if any	Execution Date, Trai		nsaction le (Instr.		umber of vative urities uired (A) isposed of Instr. 3, 4 5)	6. Date E Expiratio (Month/I	n Dat				nderlying ecurity	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securitie Beneficia Owned Following Reported Transact	e s ally g	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
					Code	v			Date Exercisa	ble	Expiration Date			mount or lumber of hares	(Instr. 4)				
Restricted Stock Unit	(1)	02/28/2013			M	М		1,419.054			(4)	Commo Stock		,419.054	(1)	8,980.431		D	
Restricted Stock Unit	(1)	02/28/2013			М			999	(5)		(5)	Common Stock 99		999	(1)	6,246.397		D	

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Each restricted stock unit represents the contingent right to receive one share of common stock of MKS Instruments, Inc.
- 2. This transaction was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan previously adopted by the reporting person.
- 3. This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$26.74 to \$26.75 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.
- 4. These RSUs are subject to the achievement of performance criteria determined in the first year of the grant and thereafter vests in equal annual installments over three years.
- 5. The RSUs vest in equal annual installments over three years.

/s/Renee M. Donlan POA 03/04/2013

** Signature of Reporting Person

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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