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Dr. Vikram Singh Joins MKS Instruments to Lead the Plasma & Power Business Units

ANDOVER, Mass., Jan. 18, 2017 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- MKS Instruments, Inc. (NASDAQ:MKSI), a global provider of technologies that enable advanced processes and improve productivity, announced today that Dr. Vikram Singh has joined the company as Vice President and General Manager, Plasma & Reactive Gas Solutions and Power Solutions Business Units within the Vacuum and Analysis Division. Dr. Singh brings to the company over 20 years of technical and business experience in the materials technology industries including semiconductor, solar and LED; with extensive experience in bringing plasma processing equipment to market for critical and advanced etch, deposition and implantation applications.

Dr. Singh was most recently at Applied Materials, Inc. as Managing Director of New Business and Technology Development. Prior to his position at Applied Materials, he was Executive Vice President and General Manager of the Photovoltaics Business Unit at GT Advanced Technologies, Inc. He has also served in various senior management roles at Varian Semiconductor Equipment Associates, Inc., Novellus Systems, Inc. and Lam Research Corporation.

Dr. Singh received his Bachelor of Technology from the Indian Institute of Technology - BHU. He holds M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Chemical Engineering from Texas Tech University. Dr. Singh also holds over thirty-five issued patents and has authored over fifty major technical publications.

"We are very pleased to have Vikram join our management team focusing on the critical technologies of Plasma Generation and Power Delivery, which are key enablers to the Semiconductor and related industries," commented John T.C. Lee, Sr. Vice President and Chief Operating Officer.

"MKS' market success has largely been driven by our close working collaboration with our customers in order to help solve their most difficult problems. This strategy has enabled MKS to gain market share with our customers and we seek to further strengthen our management team through strategic hires, such as Dr. Singh. Vikram brings to us strong experience, knowledge and perspective and I look forward to his contributions," said Jerry Colella, Chief Executive Officer and President.

About MKS Instruments

MKS Instruments, Inc. is a global provider of instruments, subsystems and process control solutions that measure, control, power, monitor, and analyze critical parameters of advanced manufacturing processes to improve process performance and productivity. Our products are derived from our core competencies in pressure measurement and control, materials delivery, gas composition analysis, control and information technology, power and reactive gas generation, vacuum technology, photonics, lasers, optics and motion control. Our primary served markets include semiconductor capital equipment, industrial manufacturing, environmental, medical, life sciences and scientific research. Additional information can be found at www.mksinst.com.

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