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* <u>Amon Cristina</u>							2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  MKS INSTRUMENTS INC [ MKSI ]								heck all ap		ng Person(s) to 10%	Issuer Owner	
(Last) (First) (Middle) 2 TECH DRIVE						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/07/2012									Offi belo	cer (give title ow)	Othe belov	r (specify v)	
(Street) ANDOVER MA 01810  (City) (State) (Zip)					4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									ne) X For For	·			
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transac Date (Month/Da						Execution Date,			Code (	Transaction Disposed Code (Instr. 5)					d Secu Bene	ficially ed Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
						Code	v	Amount (A		A) or D)	Price	Trans	saction(s) 3 and 4)		(Instr. 4)				
Common	Stock	7/2012	2012		A		6,000(2)		A	(1)		23,667	D						
		Та	ıble II - C								sed of, onvertib				Owned	i			
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security  3. Transaction Date Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		Date, ny/Year)	Transaction Code (Instr. B) Code (Instr. Sec Acc (A) Dis			osed ) r. 3, 4	6. Date E: Expiration (Month/D	е	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4)  Amoun or Numbe of Title Shares		ount nber	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)		Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			

## **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 RSU grant fully vests on the day prior to the first annual meeting of shareholders following the date of grant (or if no such meeting is held within 13 months after the date of grant, on the 13 month anniversary of the date of grant).

/s/Renee M. Donlan POA 05/08/2012

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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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