FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* BERGES JAMES G | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol MKS INSTRUMENTS INC [MKSI] | | | | | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | | | | | |
|--|---|------------|---|--|--|----------------|----------|--------------------------------------|--|---|--------------------|--|--|---|--|---|--|--|
| | | | | | | | | | | |)) | Directo | r | | 10% Ow | ner | | |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 90 INDUSTRIAL WAY | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/08/2006 | | | | | | | | Officer below) | (give title | | Other (s below) | pecify | | | |
| | | | | | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable | | | | | |
| (Street) WILMINGTON MA 01887 | | | | | | | | | | | | - 1 1 | Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting | | | | | |
| (City) | (S | State) | (Zip) | | | | | | | | | | | Person | | | | |
| | | Tal | ole I - Non- | -Deriva | ative | e Se | curities | s Ac | quired, D | isp | osed o | f, or Ber | neficially | y Owned | | | | |
| Date | | | | Execution D th/Day/Year) if any | | xecution Date, | | Transaction Disposed Code (Instr. 5) | | ties Acquired (A) or d Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 a | | | es Fo ally (D) Following (I) | | orm: Direct) or Indirect (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership | | |
| | | | | | | | | Code V | , | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Reported Transact (Instr. 3 a | ion(s) | | | (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | Table II - D | | | | | | uired, Dis , options | | | | | Owned | | | | |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | | 3A. Deemed Execution Da if any (Month/Day/Y | Co | Transaction Code (Instr. | | of | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | | d 7. Title and Am of Securities Underlying Derivative Sec (Instr. 3 and 4) | | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number derivative Securities Beneficiall Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4) | ly C | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | Co | ode | v | (A) | | Date Exercisable | | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | | |
| Director Stock Option (Right to Buy) 2006 | \$24.35 | 05/08/2006 | | , | A | | 12,000 | | 05/06/2007 ⁽¹⁾ | | 05/08/2016 | Common | 12,000 | \$0 | 12,00 | 0 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. Option vests in full on the earlier of (i) the day before the subsequent year's annual meeting of shareholders or (ii) thirteen months from the date of grant.

By: Joseph M.Tocci / POA 05/10/2006

** 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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