FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person [*] Quirk Brian Charles | | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol MKS INSTRUMENTS INC [MKSI] | | | | | | | | | heck a | ll applicable) Director | Ü | Person(s) to Issuer 10% Owner Other (crecify) | |
|--|---|--|--|---------|---|--|---------|-------|--------------------------------------|--------|---------------------|---|-------------|--------------|---|--|----------|---|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 2 TECH DRIVE, SUITE 201 | | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/05/2014 | | | | | | | | | | | Officer (give title below) Sr. VP, Glo | | | |
| (Street) ANDOVER MA 01810 (City) (State) (Zip) | | | | 4. If | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | | ne) X | ridual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | |
| | | Tab | le I - Noi | n-Deriv | ative | Se | curitie | es Ac | quired, | Dis | posed o | f, or | Ben | eficia | lly O | wned | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transac Date (Month/Da | | | | | | Execution Date, | | | Transaction Disposed Code (Instr. 5) | | | ties Acquired (A) I Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 | | | d S B | . Amount of ecurities eneficially wned Following eported | Fo (D | Ownership orm: Direct O) or Indirect) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | | | | | | Code | v | Amount | () (I | A) or D) | Price | т | ransaction(s) nstr. 3 and 4) | ction(s) | | (instr. 4) |
| Common Stock 12/05/2 | | | | | | 2014 | | | S ⁽¹⁾ | | 1,040 | | D | \$36.17 | | 4,162.771 | | D | |
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| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deeme Execution if any (Month/Day | Date, T | 4. Transa Code (8) | | | | 6. Date E Expiratio (Month/D | n Date | 9 | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4) Amour or Numbe of | | ount nber | 8. Prico Deriva Securi (Instr. ! | tive derivative ty Securities | ly | Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |

Explanation of Responses:

1. This transaction was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan previously adopted by the reporting person.

/s/Renee M. Donlan POA 12/06/2014

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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