FORM 4

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Schreiner James Alan						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  MKS INSTRUMENTS INC [ MKSI ]								heck all ap Dir V Off	all applicable) Director Officer (give title		Person(s) to Issuer  10% Owner  Other (specify		
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O MKS INSTRUMENTS, INC. 2 TECH DRIVE, SUITE 201					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/16/2020									Sr. VP & COO					
(Street) ANDOVER MA 01810  (City) (State) (Zip)					4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								ne) X Foi Foi	′				
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									Code	v	Amount	(A) oi (D)	Price	Tran	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)			(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock 09/16/					/2020	.020		M		1,433	A	(1)		1,433		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. Deem Execution if any (Month/D	n Date,	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		n of E		Expiration	6. Date Exercisa Expiration Date Month/Day/Yea		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	ve derivativ Securitie	e s ally g	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership ct (Instr. 4)	
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisal		Expiration Date	Title	Amoun or Numbe of Shares						
Restricted Stock Unit	(1)	09/16/2020			M			1,433	(3)		(3)	Common Stock	1,433	(1)	4,953.	787	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. These RSUs vest in three equal annual installments commencing on September 16, 2020, provided that if, in any vesting year, September 16th is not a business day, such vesting shall occur on the next business day.

/s/ M. Kathryn Rickards, attorney-in-fact 09/17/2020

\*\* 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).
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