

SMITH JOHN ALEXANDER
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 SMITH JOHN ALEXANDER

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 MKS INSTRUMENTS INC [MKSI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 02/25/2013

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Sr. VP, ASG

2 TECH DRIVE
 (Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

ANDOVER, MA 01810

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price |
| Common Stock | 02/25/2013 | | M | | 1,401.392 | A | 1,401.392 |
| Common Stock | 02/25/2013 | | M | | 953 | A | 2,354.392 |
| Common Stock | 02/25/2013 | | F | | 754 ⁽²⁾ | D | \$ 26.92 1,600.392 |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title |
| Restricted Stock Unit | (1) | 02/25/2013 | | M | | | 1,401.392 | (3) | (3) | Common Stock |
| Restricted Stock Unit | (1) | 02/25/2013 | | M | | | 953 | (4) | (4) | Common Stock |
| Restricted Stock Unit | (1) | 02/25/2013 | | A | | 1,671.62 | | (4) | (4) | Common Stock |
| Restricted Stock Unit | (1) | 02/25/2013 | | A | | 2,507.429 | | (3) | (3) | Common Stock |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| SMITH JOHN ALEXANDER 2 TECH DRIVE ANDOVER, MA 01810 | | | Sr. VP, ASG | |

Signatures

/s/Renee M. Donlan POA 02/26/2013

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).
- (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 are subject to the achievement of performance criteria determined in the first year of the grant and thereafter vests in equal annual installments over three years.
- (4) The RSUs vest in equal annual installments over three years.

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