

Abrams John R
Form 4
February 13, 2018

FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Abrams John R

(Last) (First) (Middle)

2 TECH DRIVE, SUITE 201

(Street)

ANDOVER, MA 01810

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol

MKS INSTRUMENTS INC [MKSI]

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

02/12/2018

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title ____ Other (specify
below) below)

Sr. VP, Global Sales & Service

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

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	(D)	Price

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	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)						
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Unit	(1)	02/12/2018	J	(2)		1,285.081	(3)	(3)	Common Stock	1,285.08

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Abrams John R 2 TECH DRIVE, SUITE 201 ANDOVER, MA 01810			Sr. VP, Global Sales & Service	

Signatures

/s/ M. Kathryn Rickards,
attorney-in-fact

02/12/2018

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 reflects the forfeiture of RSUs due to performance criteria.

These RSUs are subject to the achievement of performance criteria determined in the first year of grant and thereafter vest in three equal

- (3) annual installments beginning on February 15, 2018, provided that if, in any vesting year, February 15th is not a business day, such vesting shall occur on the next business day.

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