

Abrams John R
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

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)

02/15/2018

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

Sr. VP, Global Sales & Service

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)

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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	02/15/2018		M		1,745.043	A	11
Common Stock	02/15/2018		M		1,419.319	A	11
Common Stock	02/15/2018		M		2,608.635	A	11
Common Stock	02/15/2018		M		2,007	A	11
Common Stock	02/15/2018		M		1,787	A	11

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Common Stock	02/15/2018	M	1,477	A	<u>(1)</u>	13,427.065	D
Common Stock	02/15/2018	F ⁽²⁾	3,595	D	\$ 111.1	9,832.065	D

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)	
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Restricted Stock Unit	<u>(1)</u>	02/15/2018		A	4,725.473	<u>(3)</u>	<u>(3)</u>	Common Stock
Restricted Stock Unit	<u>(1)</u>	02/15/2018		A	3,150.315	<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock
Restricted Stock Unit	<u>(1)</u>	02/15/2018		M	1,745.043	<u>(5)</u>	<u>(5)</u>	Common Stock
Restricted Stock Unit	<u>(1)</u>	02/15/2018		M	1,419.319	<u>(6)</u>	<u>(6)</u>	Common Stock
Restricted Stock Unit	<u>(1)</u>	02/15/2018		M	2,608.635	<u>(7)</u>	<u>(7)</u>	Common Stock
Restricted Stock Unit	<u>(1)</u>	02/15/2018		M	2,007	<u>(8)</u>	<u>(8)</u>	Common Stock
Restricted Stock Unit	<u>(1)</u>	02/15/2018		M	1,787	<u>(9)</u>	<u>(9)</u>	Common Stock
Restricted Stock Unit	<u>(1)</u>	02/15/2018		M	1,477	<u>(10)</u>	<u>(10)</u>	Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Abrams John R			Sr. VP, Global Sales & Service	

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Signatures

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

02/16/2018

**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 was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan previously adopted by the reporting person.
- These RSUs are subject to the achievement of performance criteria determined in the first year of grant and thereafter vest in three equal annual installments beginning on February 15, 2019, provided that if, in any vesting year, February 15th is not a business day, such vesting shall occur on the next business day.
- (3) These RSUs vest in three equal annual installments commencing on February 15, 2019, provided that if, in any vesting year, February 15th is not a business day, such vesting shall occur on the next business day.
- These RSUs are subject to the achievement of performance criteria determined in the first year of grant and thereafter vest in three equal annual installments beginning on February 15, 2016, provided that if, in any vesting year, February 15th is not a business day, such vesting shall occur on the next business day.
- (4) These RSUs vest in three equal annual installments commencing on February 15, 2016, provided that if, in any vesting year, February 15th is not a business day, such vesting shall occur on the next business day.
- These RSUs are subject to the achievement of performance criteria determined in the first year of grant and thereafter vest in three equal annual installments beginning on February 15, 2017, provided that if, in any vesting year, February 15th is not a business day, such vesting shall occur on the next business day.
- (5) These RSUs vest in three equal annual installments commencing on February 15, 2017, provided that if, in any vesting year, February 15th is not a business day, such vesting shall occur on the next business day.
- These RSUs are subject to the achievement of performance criteria determined in the first year of grant and thereafter vest in three equal 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.
- (6) These RSUs vest in three equal annual installments commencing 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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