

SMITH JOHN ALEXANDER  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
SMITH JOHN ALEXANDER

(Last) (First) (Middle)

2 TECH DRIVE

(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)

03/01/2010

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)

V.P. & Chief Tech Officer

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |                                                    |                                | (A) or (D)                                                        | Price                                                                                         |                                                          |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 03/01/2010                           |                                                    | M                              | 3,156                                                             | A \$ 0                                                                                        | 3,156                                                    | D                                 |
| Common Stock                    | 03/01/2010                           |                                                    | F(1)                           | 1,196                                                             | D \$ 18.35                                                                                    | 1,960                                                    | D                                 |
| Common Stock                    | 03/02/2010                           |                                                    | S                              | 1,960                                                             | D \$ 18.50                                                                                    | 0                                                        | 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 Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Pr Deriv Secur (Instr. 3 and 4) |                            |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------|
|                                            |                                                        |                                      |                                                    | Code                           | V (A) (D)                                                                               | Date Exercisable                                         | Expiration Date                                               | Title                              | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Restricted Stock Unit                      | (2)                                                    | 03/01/2010                           |                                                    | M                              | 3,156                                                                                   | (3)                                                      | (3)                                                           | Common Stock                       | 3,156                      |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                            | Relationships |           |                           |       |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------------------------|-------|
|                                                           | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                   | Other |
| SMITH JOHN ALEXANDER<br>2 TECH DRIVE<br>ANDOVER, MA 01810 |               |           | V.P. & Chief Tech Officer |       |

## Signatures

/s/Renee M. Donlan POA 03/03/2010

\*\*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) This transaction was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 plan previously adopted by the reporting person to satisfy tax withholding obligation.
- (2) Each restricted stock unit represents the contingent right to receive one share of common stock of MKS Instruments, Inc.
- (3) The RSUs vest in equal annual installments over three years

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