

MKS INSTRUMENTS INC
 Form 4
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 *
STEWART WILLIAM D

(Last) (First) (Middle)

90 INDUSTRIAL WAY

(Street)

WILMINGTON, MA 01887

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

MKS INSTRUMENTS INC [MKSI]

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

04/19/2006

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. & General Manager

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	Price	
Common	04/19/2006		M ⁽¹⁾		30,000	A \$ 17.25	42,663 D
Common	04/19/2006		M ⁽¹⁾		926	A \$ 20.02	43,589 D
Common	04/19/2006		M ⁽¹⁾		490	A \$ 18.44	44,079 D
Common	04/19/2006		M ⁽¹⁾		24,375	A \$ 16.88	68,454 D
Common	04/19/2006		M ⁽¹⁾		381	A \$ 17.6	68,835 D
Common	04/19/2006		S ⁽¹⁾		56,172	D	12,663 D

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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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	(2)	04/19/2006		M(1)	30,000	08/08/1988(2) 08/08/1988(3)	Common	30,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	(2)	04/19/2006		M(1)	926	08/08/1988(2) 08/08/1988(3)	Common	926
Stock Option (right to buy)	(2)	04/19/2006		M(1)	490	08/08/1988(2) 08/08/1988(3)	Common	490
Stock Option (right to buy)	(2)	04/19/2006		M(1)	24,375	08/08/1988(2) 08/08/1988(3)	Common	24,375
Stock Option (right to buy)	(2)	04/19/2006		M(1)	381	08/08/1988(2) 08/08/1988(3)	Common	381

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Reporting Owners

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Director 10% Owner Officer Other

STEWART WILLIAM D
90 INDUSTRIAL WAY
WILMINGTON, MA 01887

V.P. & General Manager

Signatures

By: Joseph M.Tocci
/ POA

04/21/2006

__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) The transactions reported on this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan previously adopted by the reporting person.
- (2) Stock Option Grants include multiple vest dates.
- (3) Expires 10 years after date of grant

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