Quirk Brian Charles Form 4 February 13, 2018

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

(Last)

(City)

(Instr. 3)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **Quirk Brian Charles**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

MKS INSTRUMENTS INC [MKSI]

(Check all applicable)

2 TECH DRIVE, SUITE 201

(First)

(State)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

02/12/2018 below)

below) Sr. VP, Global Operations

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

(Month/Day/Year)

Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

ANDOVER, MA 01810

(Zip)

(Middle)

Person

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Securities Form: Direct Indirect Beneficially (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership Owned (I) Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reported (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 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 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 4. 5. Number of 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Amount of Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if **Transaction**Derivative **Expiration Date Underlying Securities** Security or Exercise any Code Securities (Month/Day/Year) (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 of Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Unit	<u>(1)</u>	02/12/2018		J(2)		1,070.901	(3)	(3)	Common Stock	1,070.90

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Quirk Brian Charles 2 TECH DRIVE, SUITE 201 ANDOVER, MA 01810

Sr. VP, Global Operations

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 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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