FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| | | or Section 30(ii) or the investment company Act of 1340 | | | | | | |
|---|---------|--|---|----------------------------|-----------------------|--|--|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol MKS INSTRUMENTS INC [MKSI] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | | | | |
| <u>Lee John Tseng-Chung</u> | | into into into into into into into into | X | Director | 10% Owner | | | |
| (Last) (First) (N | Middle) | | X | Officer (give title below) | Other (specify below) | | | |
| C/O MKS INSTRUMENTS, INC. 2 TECH DRIVE, SUITE 201 | Wildle | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/16/2021 | | President & | , | | | |
| (Street) ANDOVER MA 01810 | | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | | |
| (City) (State) (Z | Zip) | | | , | , 3 | | | |

| 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. Transa Code (I 8) | | | |) or 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership | |
| | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | (Instr. 4) | |
| Common Stock | 02/16/2021 | | M | | 1,989.597 | A | (1) | 23,698.251 | D | | |
| Common Stock | 02/16/2021 | | M | | 1,950.585 | A | (1) | 25,648.836 | D | | |
| Common Stock | 02/16/2021 | | M | | 263.037 | A | (1) | 25,911.873 | D | | |
| Common Stock | 02/16/2021 | | M | | 257.605 | A | (1) | 26,169.478 | D | | |
| Common Stock | 02/16/2021 | | M | | 3,065.722 | A | (1) | 29,235.2 | D | | |
| Common Stock | 02/16/2021 | | M | | 2,754.821 | A | (1) | 31,990.021 | D | | |
| Common Stock | 02/16/2021 | | M | | 7,534 | A | (1) | 39,524.021 | D | | |
| Common Stock | 02/16/2021 | | M | | 4,281 | A | (1) | 43,805.021 | D | | |

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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| 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. Transa Code (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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---|---|--|---|------------------------------|---|--|-----------|--|--------------------|--|----------------------------------|---|--|--|--|
| | Security | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | (i) (iiisti. 4) | |
| Restricted Stock Unit | (1) | 02/16/2021 | | A | | 11,811.847 | | (3) | (3) | Common Stock | 11,811.847 | (1) | 63,361.576 | D | |
| Restricted Stock Unit | (1) | 02/16/2021 | | M | | | 1,989.597 | (4) | (4) | Common Stock | 1,989.597 | (1) | 61,371.979 | D | |
| Restricted Stock Unit | (1) | 02/16/2021 | | M | | | 1,950.585 | (5) | (5) | Common Stock | 1,950.585 | (1) | 59,421.394 | D | |
| Restricted Stock Unit | (1) | 02/16/2021 | | M | | | 263.037 | (4) | (4) | Common Stock | 263.037 | (1) | 59,158.357 | D | |
| Restricted Stock Unit | (1) | 02/16/2021 | | M | | | 257.605 | (5) | (5) | Common Stock | 257.605 | (1) | 58,900.752 | D | |
| Restricted Stock Unit | (1) | 02/16/2021 | | M | | | 3,065.722 | (6) | (6) | Common Stock | 3,065.722 | (1) | 55,835.03 | D | |
| Restricted Stock Unit | (1) | 02/16/2021 | | M | | | 2,754.821 | (7) | (7) | Common Stock | 2,754.821 | (1) | 53,080.209 | D | |
| Restricted Stock Unit | (1) | 02/16/2021 | | M | | | 7,534 | (8) | (8) | Common Stock | 7,534 | (1) | 45,546.209 | D | |
| Restricted Stock Unit | (1) | 02/16/2021 | | M | | | 4,281 | (9) | (9) | Common Stock | 4,281 | (1) | 41,265.209 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

Common Stock

- $1.\ Each\ restricted\ stock\ unit\ (RSU)\ represents\ the\ contingent\ right\ to\ receive\ one\ share\ of\ common\ stock\ of\ MKS\ Instruments,\ Inc.$
- $2. \ This \ transaction \ was \ effected \ pursuant \ to \ a \ Rule \ 10b5-1 \ trading \ plan \ previously \ adopted \ by \ the \ reporting \ person.$
- 3. These RSUs vest in three equal annual installments commencing on February 15, 2022, 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 were subject to performance criteria, the achievement of which was determined on January 28, 2019, 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.
- 5. 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.
- 6. These RSUs were subject to performance criteria, the achievement of which was determined on January 27, 2020, and thereafter vest in three equal installments beginning on February 15, 2020, provided that if, in any vesting year, February 15th is not a business day, such vesting shall occur on the next business day.
- 7. These RSUs vest in three equal annual installments commencing on February 15, 2020, provided that if, in any vesting year, February 15th is not a business day, such vesting shall occur on the next business day.
- 8. These RSUs were subject to performance criteria, the achievement of which was determined on January 25, 2021, and thereafter vest in three equal annual installments beginning on February 15, 2021, provided that if, in any vesting year, February 15th is not a business day, such vesting shall occur on the next business day.
- 9. These RSUs vest in three equal annual installments commencing on February 15, 2021, provided that if, in any vesting year, February 15th is not a business day, such vesting shall occur on the next business day.

/s/ M. Kathryn Rickards, attorneyin-fact 02/17/2021

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