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## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <sup>*</sup> Burke Kathleen Flaherty					2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>MKS INSTRUMENTS INC</u> [ MKSI ]								5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)					
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O MKS INSTRUMENTS, INC. 2 TECH DRIVE, SUITE 201					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/16/2021								,	VP, GC	& Sec	,		
(Street) ANDOVER MA 01810					4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)							6. Indiv X	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)	(Zip)	(Zip)														
			Table I - Non	-Deriv	ative	Securi	ties Acq	uired,	Dis	posed of,	or Ben	eficially O	wned					
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)				2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		r) if any	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		ction Instr.	4. Securitie Disposed C			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Following F	Owned Reported	6. Ownerst Form: Dire (D) or Indir (I) (Instr. 4)	Direct II Indirect E tr. 4) C	. Nature of ndirect seneficial ownership	
									v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	- Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)				Instr. 4)	
Common Stock				02/16/2021				М		1,071.32	22 A	(1)	35,615.896			D		
Common Stock				02/16/2021				М		1,050.315 A		(1)	36,666.211			D		
Common Stock				02/16/2021				М		1,290.83 A		(1)	37,957.041			D		
Common Stock				02/16/2021						1,574.183		(1)	39,531.224			D		
Common Stock				02/16/2021						1,844	A	(1)	41,375.224			D		
Common Stock				02/16/2021				М		1,280	A	(1)	42,655.224		D			
Common Stock				02/16/2021				<b>F</b> <sup>(2)</sup>		3,225	D	\$172.2	39,430.224			D		
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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)		Derivative Securities (A) or Dis	Derivative Securities Acquired A) or Disposed of D) (Instr. 3, 4 and		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4)			Underlying Security	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Numb derivativ Securitie Benefici Owned Followin Reporte	ve es ally Ig	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercis	able	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Tran (Inst		tion(s)			
Restricted Stock Unit	(1)	02/16/2021		A		3,048.78		(3)		(3)	Common Stock	3,048.78	(1)	24,633.229		D		
Restricted Stock Unit	(1)	02/16/2021		М			1,071.322	(4)		(4)	Common Stock	1,071.322	(1)	23,561.907		D		
Restricted Stock Unit	(1)	02/16/2021		М			1,050.315	(5)		(5)	Common Stock	1,050.315	(1)	22,511.592		D		
Restricted Stock Unit	(1)	02/16/2021		м			1,290.83	(6)		(6)	Common Stock	1,290.83	(1)	(1) 21,220.762		D		
Restricted Stock Unit	(1)	02/16/2021		м			1,574.183	(7)		(7)	Common Stock	1,574.183	(1)	19,646.579		D		
Restricted Stock Unit	(1)	02/16/2021		м			1,844			(8)	Common Stock	1,844	(1) 17,802		579	D		
Restricted Stock Unit	(1)	02/16/2021		м			1,280	(9)		(9)	Common Stock	1,280	(1)	16,522.579		D		

## Explanation of Responses:

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, attorney-in-fact

02/17/2021

Date

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

\* 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).

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