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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1(b).

Stock

Stock

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Common

Common

02/15/2018

02/15/2018

(Print or Type Responses)

| Wastle Daniel I | | r Name and Ticker or Tr | ading | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|---|--------------|--|---------------------------|------------|--|
| Wester Bonning E | Symbol MKS IN | NSTRUMENTS INC | C [MKSI] | (Check all applicable) | | | |
| (Last) (First) (Mid | dle) 3. Date of | f Earliest Transaction | | | | | |
| | (Month/D | Day/Year) | | Director | 10% (| | |
| | | 018 | | _X_ Officer (giv | re title Other below) | (specify | |
| | | | | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | P, Business Units | | |
| (Street) | 4 If Ame | endment, Date Original | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check | | | |
| , , | | nth/Day/Year) | | Applicable Line) | oma Group i innig | (Check | |
| | ` | , | | _X_ Form filed by | One Reporting Pers | | |
| ANDOVER, MA 01810 | | | | Form filed by l Person | More than One Rep | orting | |
| (City) (State) (Zi | n) | | | | | | |
| (City) (State) (Zi | Tabl | le I - Non-Derivative Se | curities Acq | uired, Disposed o | of, or Beneficially | Owned | |
| 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2 | | 3. 4. Securities | - | 5. Amount of | 6. Ownership Form: Direct | | |
| `_ `. | Execution Date, if ny | Transaction(A) or Disponent Code (Instr. 3, 4 a | | Securities Beneficially | Indirect Beneficial | | |
| | Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | and 3) | Owned | · / - | Ownership | |
| | | | | Following | (Instr. 4) | (Instr. 4) | |
| | | (. | (A) | Reported Transaction(s) | | | |
| | | | or | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | |
| Common | | Code V Amount (| D) Price | , | | | |
| Common 02/15/2018 Stock | | M 2,085 A | A (1) | 2,085 | D | | |
| Stock | | | | | | | |
| Common 02/15/2018 | | M 1,723 A | (1) | 3,808 | D | | |
| Stock | | | | -,000 | _ | | |
| Common 02/15/2018 | | M 142 A | <u>(1)</u> | 3,950 | D | | |

2,013

2,034

A

<u>(1)</u>

<u>(1)</u>

5,963

7,997

M

M

D

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| Common Stock | 02/15/2018 | M | 4,058 | A | (1) | 12,055 | D | |
|-----------------|------------|------|-------|---|-------------|-----------|---|------------------------------------|
| Common Stock | 02/15/2018 | M | 1,098 | A | <u>(1)</u> | 13,153 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/15/2018 | F(2) | 5,204 | D | \$ 111.1 | 7,949 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 7,995.437 | I | By The Werth Family Trust |

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. 5. Number of TransactiorDerivative Securities Code Acquired (A) or (Instr. 8) Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amount Underlying Securitie (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|-----------|--|---------------------|---|-----------------|------------------------|
| | , | | | Code V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amou Numb Shares |
| Restricted Stock Unit | <u>(1)</u> | 02/15/2018 | | A | 4,725.473 | (D) | (3) | (3) | Common Stock | 4,72 |
| Restricted Stock Unit | <u>(1)</u> | 02/15/2018 | | A | 3,150.315 | | <u>(4)</u> | <u>(4)</u> | Common Stock | 3,15 |
| Restricted Stock Unit | (1) | 02/15/2018 | | M | | 2,085 | (5) | (5) | Common Stock | 2,0 |
| Restricted Stock Unit | (1) | 02/15/2018 | | M | | 1,723 | <u>(6)</u> | <u>(6)</u> | Common Stock | 1,7 |
| Restricted Stock Unit | (1) | 02/15/2018 | | M | | 142 | <u>(6)</u> | <u>(6)</u> | Common Stock | 14 |
| Restricted Stock Unit | (1) | 02/15/2018 | | M | | 2,013 | <u>(7)</u> | <u>(7)</u> | Common Stock | 2,0 |
| Restricted Stock Unit | (1) | 02/15/2018 | | M | | 2,034 | (8) | (8) | Common Stock | 2,0 |
| Restricted Stock Unit | <u>(1)</u> | 02/15/2018 | | M | | 4,058 | (9) | <u>(9)</u> | Common Stock | 4,0 |
| | <u>(1)</u> | 02/15/2018 | | M | | 1,098 | <u>(9)</u> | <u>(9)</u> | | 1,0 |

Restricted Common Stock Unit Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Werth Dennis L 2 TECH DRIVE SUITE 201 ANDOVER, MA 01810

Sr. VP, Business Units

Signatures

/s/ M. Kathryn Rickards, attorney-in-fact

02/16/2018

**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 was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan previously adopted by the reporting person.
- 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, 2019, provided that if, in any vesting year, February 15th is not a business day, such vesting shall occur on the next business day.
- 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.
- These RSUs are subject to the achievement of performance criteria determined in the first year of grant and thereafter vest in three equal (5) 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.
- (6) These RSUs vest in three equal annual installments commencing 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.
- 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, 2017, 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 vest in three equal annual installments commencing on February 15, 2017, provided that if, in any vesting year, February 15th is not a business day, such vesting shall occur on the next business day.
- These RSUs vest in three annual installments as follows: 20% of the RSUs vests on February 15, 2017, 30% of the RSUs vests on (9) February 15, 2018 and the remaining 50% of the RSUs vests 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.

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