

SMITH JOHN ALEXANDER
Form 4
January 27, 2006

FORM 4

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

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
SMITH JOHN ALEXANDER

(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)

01/26/2006

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. & Chief Tech Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person
____ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

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)
Common	01/26/2006		<u>M</u> ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	V Amount (A) or (D) Price 13,000 A \$ 14	15,058	D	
Common	01/26/2006		<u>S</u> ⁽¹⁾	13,000 D \$ 21.5	2,058	D	

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)

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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. 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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	(3)	01/26/2006		M ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	13,000	08/08/1988 08/08/1988	Common	13,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
SMITH JOHN ALEXANDER 90 INDUSTRIAL WAY WILMINGTON, MA 01887	V.P. & Chief Tech Officer

Signatures

By: Joseph M.Tocci
/ POA

01/27/2006

__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) Option conversion price \$4.43 for option transactions reported on this filing.
- (3) Stock Option Grants include multiple vest dates.
- (4) Option exercise price \$14.00.

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