

MKS INSTRUMENTS INC  
Form 8-K  
December 14, 2016

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

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported):

December 14, 2016

**MKS Instruments, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Massachusetts

000-23621

04-2277512

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

2 Tech Drive, Suite 201, Andover,  
Massachusetts

01810

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

978-645-5500

Not Applicable

Former name or former address, if changed since last report

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))



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**Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.**

On December 14, 2016, MKS Instruments, Inc., a Massachusetts corporation (the "Company"), entered into Amendment No. 2 (the "Repricing Amendment") to the Term Loan Credit Agreement, dated as of April 29, 2016, by and among the Company, the lenders party thereto (the "Lenders"), and Barclays Bank PLC, as administrative agent and collateral agent for the lenders (as amended from time to time, including by Amendment No. 1, dated June 9, 2016, and the Repricing Amendment, the "Credit Agreement"). The Repricing Amendment decreased the applicable margin for the Company's term loan under the Credit Agreement to 2.75% for LIBOR borrowings with a LIBOR floor of 0.75% and 1.75% for base rate borrowings with a base rate floor of 1.75% and reset the period during which a prepayment premium may be required for a "Repricing Transaction" (as defined in the Credit Agreement) until six months after the effective date of the Repricing Amendment. In connection with the execution of the Repricing Amendment, the Company paid certain fees and expenses of Barclays Bank PLC. On November 29, 2016, the Company prepaid \$40,000,000 of principal under the Credit Agreement, reducing the outstanding principal under the Credit Agreement to \$628,175,000.

The foregoing description of the Repricing Amendment does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the Repricing Amendment, which is filed as Exhibit 10.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 2.03 Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement of a Registrant.**

The disclosure under Item 1.01 of the Current Report on Form 8-K is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.**

On December 14, 2016, the Company issued a press release announcing the execution of the Repricing Amendment. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report.

The information in this Item 7.01 of this Current Report on Form 8-K, including the press release attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1, is being furnished pursuant to Item 7.01 and shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, except as expressly set forth in such filing.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

See Exhibit Index hereto.



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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

MKS Instruments, Inc.

*December 14, 2016*

*By: /s/ Seth H. Bagshaw*

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*Name: Seth H. Bagshaw*

*Title: Vice President and Chief Financial Officer*

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<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
10.1	Amendment No. 2 to Term Loan Credit Agreement, dated as of December 14, 2016, among the Company, the other loan parties party thereto, Barclays Bank PLC, as administrative agent and collateral agent, and each participating lender party thereto.
99.1	Press Release issued by the Company on December 14, 2016