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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): February 3, 2004

MKS Instruments, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

Massachusetts 0-23621 04-2277512

(State or other (Commission (IRS Employer jurisdiction of File Number) Identification No.) incorporation)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (978) 975-2350

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

ITEM 12. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION

On February 3, 2004, MKS Instruments, Inc. announced its financial results for the quarter ended December 31, 2003. The full text of the press release issued in connection with the announcement is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

The information in this Form 8-K and the Exhibit attached hereto shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Exchange Act, except as expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

SIGNATURE

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.

Date: February 3, 2004 MKS Instruments, Inc.

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By: /s/ Ronald C. Weigner

Ronald C. Weigner,

Vice President & Chief Financial Officer

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Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Press release dated February 3, 2004