

SMITH JOHN ALEXANDER  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

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

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 MKS INSTRUMENTS INC [MKSI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 90 INDUSTRIAL WAY  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 12/18/2006

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 V.P. & Chief Tech Officer

WILMINGTON, MA 01887

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common	12/18/2006		M <sup>(1)</sup>		470	A	\$ 12.97
Common	12/18/2006		S <sup>(1)</sup>		470	D	\$ 22.91
Common	12/18/2006		M <sup>(1)</sup>		4,375	A	\$ 14.72
Common	12/18/2006		S <sup>(1)</sup>		4,375	D	\$ 22.91

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



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(2) Stock Option Grants include multiple vest dates.

(3) Expires 10 years after date of grant

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