Quirk Brian Charles Form 4 February 16, 2018

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

02/15/2018

Stock

Quirk Brian Charles			Symbol MKS INSTRUMENTS INC [MKSI]				Issuer					
	(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction					(Check all applicable)			
2 TECH DRIVE, SUITE 201 (Street)			(Month/Day/Year) 02/15/2018					Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) Sr. VP, Global Operations 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check				
			4. If Am	4. If Amendment, Date Original								
				Filed(M	Filed(Month/Day/Year)				Applicable Line)			
Al	NDOVE	R, MA 01810						_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
	(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tal	ole I - Non	-Derivative Se	curitie	es Acquir	ed, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned	
Sec	Fitle of curity str. 3)	2. Transaction Dat (Month/Day/Year)		Date, if	3. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) ctioner Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
~					Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)			
	ommon ock	02/15/2018			M	2,181.553	A	<u>(1)</u>	14,044.436	D		
	ommon ock	02/15/2018			M	1,773.149	A	(1)	15,817.585	D		
	ommon ock	02/15/2018			M	2,805	A	(1)	18,622.585	D		
	ommon ock	02/15/2018			M	2,157	A	<u>(1)</u>	20,779.585	D		
Co	ommon	02/15/2018			M	1 489	A	(1)	22 268 585	D		

M

1,489

A

<u>(1)</u>

22,268.585

D

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Common Stock	02/15/2018	M	1,230	A	<u>(1)</u>	23,498.585	D
Common Stock	02/15/2018	F(2)	3,858	D	\$ 111.1	19,640.585	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)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative tionSecurities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and An Underlying Sec (Instr. 3 and 4)	
	Security						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	1
Restricted Stock Unit	<u>(1)</u>	02/15/2018		Code V A	(A) 3,375.338	(D)	(3)	(3)	Common Stock	
Restricted Stock Unit	(1)	02/15/2018		A	2,250.225		<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	
Restricted Stock Unit	<u>(1)</u>	02/15/2018		M		2,181.553	(5)	<u>(5)</u>	Common Stock	
Restricted Stock Unit	(1)	02/15/2018		M		1,773.149	<u>(6)</u>	<u>(6)</u>	Common Stock	
Restricted Stock Unit	(1)	02/15/2018		M		2,805	<u>(7)</u>	<u>(7)</u>	Common Stock	
Restricted Stock Unit	(1)	02/15/2018		M		2,157	(8)	(8)	Common Stock	
Restricted Stock Unit	<u>(1)</u>	02/15/2018		M		1,489	<u>(9)</u>	<u>(9)</u>	Common Stock	
Restricted Stock Unit	(1)	02/15/2018		M		1,230	(10)	(10)	Common Stock	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
• 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Quirk Brian Charles			Sr. VP, Global Operations				

Reporting Owners 2 2 TECH DRIVE, SUITE 201 ANDOVER, MA 01810

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.
- (4) 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 annual installments beginning on February 15, 2016, 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, 2016, 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 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, 2018, provided that if, in any vesting year, February 15th is not a business day, such vesting shall occur on the next business day.
- (10) 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.

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