

BERLINGHIERI LEO  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**BERLINGHIERI LEO**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

2 TECH DRIVE

(Street)

ANDOVER, MA 01810

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

**MKS INSTRUMENTS INC [MKSI]**

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

02/17/2012

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)

President and CEO

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

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**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)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D) Price		
Common Stock	02/17/2012		M		5,400 A \$ 29.93	42,337	D
Common Stock	02/17/2012		S		3,200 D \$ 32.048	39,137	D
Common Stock	02/17/2012		M		3,200 A \$ 27.11	42,337	D
Common Stock	02/17/2012		S		5,400 D \$ 32.038	36,937	D

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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 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)	\$ 29.93	02/17/2012		M	5,400	01/05/2005 <sup>(3)</sup> 01/06/2014	Common Stock	5,400
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 27.11	02/17/2012		M	3,200	11/11/2004 <sup>(4)</sup> 11/11/2013	Common Stock	3,200

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BERLINGHIERI LEO 2 TECH DRIVE ANDOVER, MA 01810	X		President and CEO	

## Signatures

/s/Renee M. Donlan POA 02/21/2012

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$32.00 to \$32.12 The price reported above reflects the weighted average sale price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide, upon request, the full information regarding the number of shares and prices at which the transaction was effected.

(2) This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$32.00 to \$32.12 The price reported above reflects the weighted average sale price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide, upon request, the full information regarding the number of shares and prices at which the transaction was effected.

(3) Vests 100% one year after grant

(4) 25% after first year, 6.25% each quarter thereafter - total 4 years.

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