# FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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	s of Reporting Person <sup>*</sup>		2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>MKS INSTRUMENTS INC</u> [ MKSI ]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director X 10% Owner
(Last) 8000 W. FLORIS	(First) SSANT AVE.	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/09/2006	Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)
(Street) ST. LOUIS (City)	MO (State)	63136 (Zip)	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) Form filed by One Reporting Person X Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

### 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. Transac Code (li 8)		4. Securities A Of (D) (Instr. 3,		() or Disposed	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
			Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(Instr. 4)
Common Stock	03/09/2006		S		30,332	D	\$21.9149 <sup>(1)</sup>	7,909,957	Ι	Through a subsidiary <sup>(3)</sup>
Common Stock	03/10/2006		s		23,246	D	\$21.9982 <sup>(4)</sup>	7,886,711	Ι	Through a subsidiary <sup>(3)</sup>
Common Stock								1,065,182	D <sup>(6)</sup>	

## 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. Transac Code (I 8)		5. Numl Derivati Securiti Acquire or Disp (D) (Inst and 5)	ive ies ed (A) osed of	6. Date Exerc Expiration Da (Month/Day/N	ate	7. Title and Au Securities Un Derivative Se 3 and 4)	derlying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		(Instr. 4)		

#### 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person\* EMERSON ELECTRIC CO

(Last)	(First)	(Middle)
8000 W. FLORIS	SANT AVE.	
(Street)		
ST. LOUIS	MO	63136
(City)	(State)	(Zip)
	*	
1. Name and Address <u>ASTEC AME</u>	s of Reporting Person RICA INC	
		(Middle)
ASTEC AME	(First)	(Middle)
ASTEC AME (Last) 5810 VAN ALLE	(First)	(Middle)
ASTEC AME (Last)	(First)	(Middle) 92008

#### Explanation of Responses:

1. The Reporting Person gave a sell order to the broker to sell shares of MKS Instruments, Inc. common stock which resulted in sales of 30,332 shares on March 9, 2006. In the discretion of the broker, the sales were effected in multiple transactions, at varying prices, on March 9, 2006, as follows and as described in Footnote 2 below: 100 shares at \$21.68, 400 at \$21.70, 300 at \$21.71; 500 at \$21.72; 1,200 at \$21.73; 200 at \$21.75; 400 at \$21.75; 400 at \$21.76; 300 at \$21.76; 800 at \$21.82; 100 at \$21.82; 500 at \$21.82; 51.80; 400 at \$21.82; 51.80; 400 at \$21.82; 500 at \$21.82; 12.80; 400 at \$21.82; 500 at \$21.92; 500 at \$21.92; 500 at \$21.82; 500 at \$21.92; 500 at \$21.92;

2. This footnote sets forth additional detail with respect to the transactions described in Footnote 1, as follows: 100 shares at \$22.01; 100 at \$22.01; 100 at \$22.02; 200 at \$22.03; 100 at \$22.04; 400 at \$22.05; 100 at \$22.06; 700 at \$22.07; 100 at \$22.07; 100 at \$22.09; 1,000 at \$22.09; 1,000 at \$22.09; 1,000 at \$22.02; 200 at \$22.10; 100 at \$22.02; 200 at \$22.07; 100 at \$22.02; 200 at \$22.09; 1,000 at \$22.09; 1,000 at \$22.02; 200 at \$22.10; 100 at \$22.02; 200 at \$22.10; 100 at \$22.02; 200 at \$

3. The reported securities are owned directly by Astec America Inc. The Reporting Person is the ultimate parent company of Astec America Inc.

4. The Reporting Person gave a sell order to the broker to sell shares of MKS Instruments, Inc. common stock which resulted in sales of 23,246 shares on March 10, 2006. In the discretion of the broker, the sales were effected in multiple transactions, at varying prices, on March 10, 2006, as follows and as described in Footnote 5 below: 100 shares at \$21.57; 300 at \$21.60; 100 at \$21.65; 100 at \$21.65; 100 at \$21.75; 100 at \$21.92; 400 at \$21.92; 400 at \$21.94; 200 at \$21.94; 200 at \$21.94; 200 at \$21.94; 200 at \$21.95; 200 a

5. This footnote sets forth additional detail with respect to the transactions described in Footnote 4, as follows: 3,600 shares at \$22.00; 2,200 at \$22.01; 500 at \$22.02; 1,000 at \$22.03; 1,054 at \$22.04; 946 at \$22.05; 1,800 at \$22.06; 2,545 at \$22.07; 500 at \$22.08; 1,700 at \$22.09; 1,500 at \$22.09; 1,500 at \$22.12; and 200 at \$22.13. The weighted average sales price for these transactions was \$21.9982 per share. 6. The reported securities are owned directly by Emerson Electric Co.

#### Remarks:

See Exhibit 99.1 - Joint Filer Information

 /s/ Harley M. Smith, Assistant
 03/13/2006

 Secretary for Emerson Electric Co.
 (s/ Harley M. Smith, Secretary for

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 03/13/2006

 Astec America Inc.
 03/13/2006

 \*\* Signature of Reporting Person
 Date

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

 $^{*}$  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).

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# Joint Filer Information

Astec America Inc., 5810 Van Allen Way, Carlsbad, California 92008, has designated Emerson Electric Co. as the "Designated Filer" for the purposes of the attached Form 4.

 
 Issuer & Ticker Symbol:
 MKS Instruments, Inc. (MKSI)

 Date of Events Requiring Statement:
 03/09/06 03/10/06

By:

Signature:

/s/ Harley M. Smith

Harley M. Smith, Assistant Secretary of Emerson Electric Co.

Signature:

/s/ Harley M. Smith

By: Harley M. Smith, Secretary of Astec America Inc.