

MKS INSTRUMENTS INC  
Form 8-K  
April 12, 2018

**UNITED STATES**  
**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): April 11, 2018**

**MKS Instruments, Inc.**

**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

**Massachusetts**  
**(State or other jurisdiction**  
**of incorporation)**

**000-23621**  
**(Commission**  
**File Number)**

**04-2277512**  
**(I.R.S. Employer**  
**Identification No.)**

**2 Tech Drive, Suite 201, Andover,**

**Massachusetts**

**01810**

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 978-645-5500

**Not Applicable**

**Former name or former address, if changed since last report**

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

**Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.**

On April 11, 2018, MKS Instruments, Inc., a Massachusetts corporation (the Company), entered into Amendment No. 4 (the Repricing Amendment) to the Term Loan Credit Agreement, dated as of April 29, 2016, by and among the Company, the lenders party thereto (the Lenders), and Barclays Bank PLC, as administrative agent and collateral agent for the lenders (as amended from time to time, including by Amendment No. 1, dated June 9, 2016, Amendment No. 2, dated December 14, 2016, Amendment No. 3, dated July 6, 2017 and the Repricing Amendment, the Credit Agreement). The Repricing Amendment decreased the applicable margin for the Company's term loan under the Credit Agreement. The applicable margin for LIBOR borrowings will decrease to 1.75%, with a LIBOR floor of 0.75%. The margin for base rate borrowings will decrease to 0.75%. The period in which a prepayment premium may be required for a Repricing Transaction (as defined in the Credit Agreement) was reset to six months after the effective date of the Repricing Amendment. In connection with the execution of the Repricing Amendment, the Company paid certain fees and expenses to Barclays Bank PLC.

In addition, the Company prepaid \$50,000,000 of principal under the Credit Agreement, reducing the outstanding principal under the Credit Agreement to approximately \$348,000,000 as of March 31, 2018, from \$780 million at origination.

The foregoing description of the Repricing Amendment does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the Repricing Amendment, which is filed as Exhibit 10.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 2.03 Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement of a Registrant.**

The disclosure under Item 1.01 of the Current Report on Form 8-K is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.**

On April 11, 2018, the Company issued a press release announcing the execution of the Repricing Amendment. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report. The information in this Item 7.01 of this Current Report on Form 8-K, including the press release attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1, is being furnished pursuant to Item 7.01 and shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, except as expressly set forth in such filing.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit No.	Description
10.1	<u>Amendment No. 4 to Term Loan Credit Agreement, dated as of April 11, 2018, among the Company, the other loan parties party thereto, Barclays Bank PLC, as administrative agent and collateral agent, and each participating lender party thereto</u>
99.1	<u>Press Release issued by the Company on April 11, 2018</u>

**SIGNATURES**

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.

MKS Instruments, Inc.

*April 11, 2018*

*By: /s/ Kathleen F. Burke*

*Name: Kathleen F. Burke*

*Title: Senior Vice President and General Counsel*