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Registration No. 333-_____

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
 WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM S-8

REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER
 THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

MKS INSTRUMENTS, INC.
 (Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

MASSACHUSETTS
 (State or Other Jurisdiction of
 Incorporation or Organization)

04-2277512
 (I.R.S. Employer
 Identification Number)

90 INDUSTRIAL WAY, WILMINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS
 (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

01887
 (Zip Code)

2004 STOCK INCENTIVE PLAN
 (Full Title of the Plan)

RONALD C. WEIGNER
 VICE PRESIDENT AND CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
 MKS INSTRUMENTS, INC.
 90 INDUSTRIAL WAY
 WILMINGTON, MA 01887
 (Name and Address of Agent For Service)

(978) 284-4000
 (Telephone Number, Including Area Code, of Agent For Service)

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of Securities to be Registered	Amount to be Registered(1)	Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Share	Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price	Amount of Registration Fee
Common Stock, no par value per share	15,000,000	\$18.83(2)	\$282,450,000(2)	\$33,245

- (1) In accordance with Rule 416 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, this registration statement shall be deemed to cover any additional securities that may from time to time be offered or issued to prevent dilution resulting from stock splits, stock dividends or similar transactions.
- (2) Estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee

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pursuant to Rules 457(c) and 457(h) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and based upon the average of the high and low prices of the registrant's Common Stock as reported on the Nasdaq National Market on August 2, 2005.

PART I INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE SECTION 10(A) PROSPECTUS

ITEM 1. PLAN INFORMATION.

The information required by Item 1 is included in documents sent or given to participants in the plans covered by this registration statement pursuant to Rule 428(b)(1) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act").

ITEM 2. REGISTRANT INFORMATION AND EMPLOYEE PLAN ANNUAL INFORMATION.

The written statement required by Item 2 is included in documents sent or given to participants in the plans covered by this registration statement pursuant to Rule 428(b)(1) of the Securities Act.

PART II INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

ITEM 3. INCORPORATION OF DOCUMENTS BY REFERENCE.

The registrant is subject to the informational and reporting requirements of Sections 13(a), 14, and 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), and in accordance therewith files reports, proxy statements and other information with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission"). The following documents, which are on file with the Commission, are incorporated in this registration statement by reference:

(a) The registrant's latest annual report filed pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act or the latest prospectus filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) under the Securities Act that contains audited financial statements for the registrant's latest fiscal year for which such statements have been filed.

(b) All other reports filed pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act since the end of the fiscal year covered by the document referred to in (a) above.

(c) The description of the securities contained in the registrant's registration statements on Form 8-A filed under the Exchange Act, including any amendment or report filed for the purpose of updating such description.

All documents subsequently filed by the registrant pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 and 15(d) of the Exchange Act, prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment which indicates that all securities offered hereby have been sold or which deregisters all securities then remaining unsold, shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference in this registration statement and to be part hereof from the date of the filing of such documents. Any statement contained in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for the purposes of this registration statement to the extent that a statement contained herein or in any other subsequently filed document which also is or is deemed to be incorporated by reference herein modifies or supersedes such statement. Any statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this registration statement.

ITEM 4. DESCRIPTION OF SECURITIES.

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Not applicable.

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ITEM 5. INTERESTS OF NAMED EXPERTS AND COUNSEL.

Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP has opined as to the legality of the securities being offered by this registration statement.

ITEM 6. INDEMNIFICATION OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS.

Section 8.51(a) of Chapter 156D of the Massachusetts General Laws provides that a corporation may indemnify its directors against expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement reasonably incurred in connection with any litigation or other legal proceeding brought against any director by virtue of his position as a director of the registrant unless he is deemed to have not acted in good faith in the reasonable belief that his action was in the best interest of the corporation.

Section 8.52 of Chapter 156D provides that a corporation must indemnify a director who is wholly successful, on the merits or otherwise, in the defense of any proceeding to which the director was a party because he was a director of the corporation against reasonable expenses incurred by him in connection with the proceeding.

Section 8.56(a) of Chapter 156D provides that a corporation may indemnify its officers to the same extent as its directors and, for officers that are not directors, to the extent provided by (i) the articles of organization, (ii) the bylaws, (iii) a vote of the board of directors or (iv) a contract. In all instances, the extent to which a corporation provides indemnification to its officers under Section 8.56(a) is optional. Section 8.56(c) provides that an officer of a corporation who is not a director is entitled to mandatory indemnification under Section 8.52.

In its Restated Articles of Organization (the "Articles of Organization"), the registrant has elected to commit to provide indemnification to its directors and officers in specified circumstances. Generally, Article 6 of the registrant's Articles of Organization provides that the registrant shall indemnify directors and officers of the registrant against liabilities and expenses arising out of legal proceedings brought against them by reason of their status as directors or officers or by reason of their agreeing to serve, at the request of the registrant, as a director or officer with another organization. Under this provision, a director or officer of the registrant shall be indemnified by the registrant for all expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments and fines, and amounts paid in settlement of such proceedings, even if he is not successful on the merits, unless finally adjudicated not to have acted in good faith in the reasonable belief that his action was in the best interests of the registrant. The registrant shall not indemnify an officer or director who initiates the legal proceeding, unless the initiation was approved by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors may authorize advancing litigation expenses to a director or officer at his request upon receipt of an undertaking by any such director or officer to repay such expenses if it is ultimately determined that he is not entitled to indemnification for such expenses.

Section 2.02(b)(4) of Chapter 156D of the Massachusetts General Laws allows a corporation to eliminate or limit the personal liability of a director of a corporation to the corporation for monetary damages for a breach of fiduciary duty as a director notwithstanding any provision of law imposing such liability, except where the director breached his duty of loyalty to the

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corporation or its shareholders, failed to act in good faith, engaged in intentional misconduct or knowingly violated a law, authorized the payment of an improper distribution or obtained an improper personal benefit. Article 6A of the registrant's Articles of Organization eliminates the personal liability of the registrant's directors to the registrant or its stockholders for monetary damages for breach of a director's fiduciary duty, except to the extent Chapter 156D of the Massachusetts General Laws prohibits the elimination or limitation of such liability.

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The registrant has obtained directors and officers' liability insurance for the benefit of its directors and certain of its officers.

ITEM 7. EXEMPTION FROM REGISTRATION CLAIMED.

Not applicable.

ITEM 8. EXHIBITS.

The Exhibit Index immediately preceding the exhibits is incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 9. UNDERTAKINGS.

1. Item 512(a) of Regulation S-K. The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes:

(1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement:

(i) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act;

(ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the registration statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the registration statement; and

(iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the registration statement or any material change to such information in the registration statement;

provided, however, that paragraphs (i) and (ii) do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in periodic reports filed with or furnished to the Commission by the registrant pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act that are incorporated by reference in the registration statement.

(2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

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2. Item 512(b) of Regulation S-K. The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each filing of the registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act that is incorporated by reference in the registration statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

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3. Item 512(h) of Regulation S-K. Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in Wilmington, Massachusetts on August 1, 2005.

MKS INSTRUMENTS, INC.

By: /s/ Leo Berlinghieri

Leo Berlinghieri
President, Chief Executive Officer and Director

POWER OF ATTORNEY AND SIGNATURES

We, the undersigned officers and directors of MKS Instruments, Inc. hereby severally constitute and appoint Leo Berlinghieri, Ronald C. Weigner and Kathleen F. Burke, and each of them singly, our true and lawful attorneys with full power to them, and each of them singly, to sign for us and in our names in the capacities indicated below, the Registration Statement on Form S-8 filed herewith and any and all subsequent amendments to said Registration Statement, and generally to do all such things in our names and behalf in our capacities as officers and directors to enable MKS Instruments, Inc. to comply with all requirements of the Securities and Exchange Commission, hereby ratifying and confirming our signatures as they may be signed by said attorneys, or any of them, to said Registration Statement and any and all amendments thereto.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act, this Registration Statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the

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dates indicated.

SIGNATURE -----	TITLE -----	DATE -----
/s/ Leo Berlinghieri ----- Leo Berlinghieri	President, Chief Executive Officer and Director (Principal Executive Officer)	August 1, 2005
/s/ Ronald C. Weigner ----- Ronald C. Weigner	Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer and Principal Accounting Officer)	August 1, 2005
/s/ John R. Bertucci ----- John R. Bertucci	Director	August 1, 2005
/s/ Robert R. Anderson ----- Robert R. Anderson	Director	August 1, 2005
/s/ James G. Berges ----- James G. Berges	Director	August 1, 2005
/s/ Richard S. Chute ----- Richard S. Chute	Director	August 1, 2005
/s/ Hans-Jochen Kahl ----- Hans-Jochen Kahl	Director	August 1, 2005
/s/ Owen W. Robbins ----- Owen W. Robbins	Director	August 1, 2005
/s/ Louis P. Valente ----- Louis P. Valente	Director	August 1, 2005

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EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Number -----	Description -----
4.1 (1)	Restated Articles of Organization of the Registrant.
4.2 (2)	Articles of Amendment.
4.3 (3)	Articles of Amendment.

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- 4.4 (4) Amended and Restated By-Laws of the Registrant.
- 4.5 (4) Specimen Certificate for Common Stock of the Registrant.
- 5.1 Opinion of Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP.
- 23.1 Consent of Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1).
- 23.2 Consent of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP.
- 24.1 Power of Attorney (included in the signature pages of this Registration Statement).

- (1) Incorporated herein by reference from the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-4 (File No. 333-49738) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 13, 2000.
- (2) Incorporated herein by reference from the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q (File No. 000-23621) for the quarter ended June 30, 2001.
- (3) Incorporated herein by reference from the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q (File No. 000-23621) for the quarter ended June 30, 2002.
- (4) Incorporated herein by reference from the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-71363) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on January 28, 1999, as amended.