

MKS INSTRUMENTS INC  
Form 8-K  
December 06, 2006

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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):

December 6, 2006

**MKS Instruments, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Massachusetts

000-23621

04-2277512

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

90 Industrial Way, Wilmington, Massachusetts

01887

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

978-284-4000

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)  
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 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))

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**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On December 1, 2006, John R. Bertucci, Executive Chairman of the Board of Directors of MKS Instruments, Inc. (the "Company") advised the Board of Directors of the Company that he will be retiring from the position of Executive Chairman effective December 31, 2006. Mr. Bertucci will remain with the Company as the Chairman of the Board of Directors and will continue to consult for the Company, as needed, for a one year period.

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**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.

*December 6, 2006*

By: *Ronald C. Weigner*

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*Name: Ronald C. Weigner*

*Title: Vice President & CFO*

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<b><u>Exhibit No.</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>
99.1	Press Release dated December 6, 2006