



MKS Instruments (MKSI) shareholders can vote for the genuine Special Shareholder Meeting Proposal 6 and can reject the bait-and-switch Special Shareholder Meeting Proposal 5

Proposal 5 is a potential bail-and-switch proposal. Proposal 5 is silent on whether MKSI can take shareholder approval of Proposal 5 as spring-board to add an exclusion of all MKSI shareholders from calling for a special shareholders meeting who have owned their shares for less than a full year.

Proposal 6 by contrast explicitly calls for no such exclusion.

MKSI being silent on the one-year exclusion is suspicious. Proposal 6 was submitted 5 months before the MKSI annual shareholder meeting. Thus MKSI had plenty of time to consider clarifying the one-year exclusion issue and failed to do so.

Therefore under Proposal 5 it could take 40% of the remaining non excluded MKSI shares to call for a special shareholder meeting to equal the 25% requirement based on all shares outstanding.

A one-year exclusion is potentially devastating because more than 100 companies have had an opportunity to name one company where shareholders, faced with such a one-year exclusion, ever succeeded in calling for a special shareholder meeting. Not a single such company has ever been named.

Notice of Exempt Solicitation

Name of Registrant: MKS Instruments, Inc. (MKSI)

Title: Vote for the genuine Proposal 6 and Reject the bait-and-switch Proposal 5

Name of person relying on exemption: John Chevedden, MKSI Shareholder since 2020

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The shareholder asks all shareholders to vote by following the procedural instructions provided in the proxy materials.