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MKS Instruments Makes a Voluntary \$50 Million Prepayment on its Term Loan

ANDOVER, Mass., March 31, 2017 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- MKS Instruments, Inc. (NASDAQ:MKSI), a global provider of technologies that enable advanced processes and improve productivity, made a \$50 million voluntary principal prepayment on its term loan. This prepayment is in addition to a scheduled principal payment of \$1.6 million, and reduces the outstanding principal amount of the term loan to \$575 million as of March 31, 2017, down from \$780 million at origination.

"In less than one year since origination, we have made four voluntary prepayments totaling \$200 million or 26% of the total term loan, demonstrating our continued focus on deleveraging our balance sheet and reducing our cost of capital," said Seth H. Bagshaw, Vice President and Chief Financial Officer.

About MKS Instruments

MKS Instruments, Inc. is a global provider of instruments, subsystems and process control solutions that measure, control, power, monitor, and analyze critical parameters of advanced manufacturing processes to improve process performance and productivity. Our products are derived from our core competencies in pressure measurement and control, flow measurement and control, gas and vapor delivery, gas composition analysis, residual gas analysis, leak detection, control and information technology, ozone generation and delivery, RF & DC power, reactive gas generation, vacuum technology, photonics, sub-micron positioning, vibration isolation and optics. Our primary served markets include semiconductor capital equipment, general industrial, life sciences and research. Additional information can be found at www.mksinst.com.

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