

MSC INDUSTRIAL DIRECT CO INC
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
GERSHWIND ERIK

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
MSC INDUSTRIAL DIRECT CO INC [MSM]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
04/21/2006

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
SVP, Product Mgmt & Marketing

C/O MSC INDUSTRIAL DIRECT CO., INC., 75 MAXESS ROAD

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 ___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

MELVILLE, NY 11747

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| Class A Common Stock | 04/21/2006 | | A | 25,000 | A \$ 0 ⁽¹⁾ | 40,325 | D |
| Class A Common Stock | 04/21/2006 | | S | 3,350 | D \$ 53 | 36,975 | D |
| Class A Common Stock | 04/21/2006 | | S | 300 | D \$ 53.01 | 36,675 | D |
| Class A Common Stock | 04/21/2006 | | S | 555 | D \$ | 36,120 | D |

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|----------------------|------------|---|-------|---|----------|--------|---|
| Common Stock | | | | | | 53.02 | |
| Class A Common Stock | 04/21/2006 | S | 450 | D | \$ 53.03 | 35,670 | D |
| Class A Common Stock | 04/21/2006 | S | 2,220 | D | \$ 53.04 | 33,450 | D |
| Class A Common Stock | 04/21/2006 | S | 120 | D | \$ 53.05 | 33,330 | D |
| Class A Common Stock | 04/21/2006 | S | 585 | D | \$ 53.06 | 32,745 | D |
| Class A Common Stock | 04/21/2006 | S | 180 | D | \$ 53.07 | 32,565 | D |
| Class A Common Stock | 04/21/2006 | S | 255 | D | \$ 53.08 | 32,310 | D |
| Class A Common Stock | 04/21/2006 | S | 300 | D | \$ 53.09 | 32,010 | D |
| Class A Common Stock | 04/21/2006 | S | 1,635 | D | \$ 53.1 | 30,375 | D |
| Class A Common Stock | 04/21/2006 | S | 45 | D | \$ 53.11 | 30,330 | D |
| Class A Common Stock | 04/21/2006 | S | 30 | D | \$ 53.14 | 30,300 | D |
| Class A Common Stock | 04/21/2006 | S | 60 | D | \$ 53.15 | 30,240 | D |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(*e.g.*, puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. P Der Der Sec (Ins | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Class B Common Stock | (2) | 04/21/2006 | | C | 25,000 | (3) | (3) | Class A Common Stock | 25,000 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

GERSHWIND ERIK
C/O MSC INDUSTRIAL DIRECT CO., INC.
75 MAXESS ROAD
MELVILLE, NY 11747

SVP, Product Mgmnt & Marketing

Signatures

/s/ J. Robert Small,
Attorney-in-Fact

04/25/2006

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) The shares of Class A Common Stock reported as being acquired by the Reporting Person on this report were acquired upon conversion of Class B Common Stock held by the Reporting Person.
- (2) The Class B Common Stock is convertible into Class A Common Stock on a one-for-one basis.
- (3) The Class B Common Stock is immediately convertible into Class A Common Stock and does not expire.

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