

MSC INDUSTRIAL DIRECT CO INC  
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**FORM 4**

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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)

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

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

**10/16/2006**

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
|                                        |                                      |                                                    |                                | (A) or (D)                                                        | Price                                                                                         |                                                          |                                   |
|                                        |                                      |                                                    |                                | Code                                                              | V                                                                                             | Amount                                                   |                                   |
| Class A Common Stock, \$.001 par value | 10/16/2006                           |                                                    | A                              | 2,805<br>(1)                                                      | A<br>(1)                                                                                      | \$ 0                                                     | 11,854 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)

| 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. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Options (right to buy) <sup>(2)</sup>      | \$ 42.78                                               | 10/16/2006                           |                                                    | A                              | 20,000                                                                                  | <sup>(3)</sup> 10/16/2013                                | See footnote <sup>(2)</sup>                                   | 20,000                        |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                                             | Relationships |           |                               |       |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|-------------------------------|-------|
|                                                                                            | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                       | Other |
| GERSHWIND ERIK<br>C/O MSC INDUSTRIAL DIRECT CO INC<br>75 MAXESS ROAD<br>MELVILLE, NY 11747 |               |           | SVP, Product Mgmt & Marketing |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Erik Gershwind 10/18/2006

<sup>\*\*</sup>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).

These shares were granted under the Issuer's 2005 Omnibus Equity Plan, and are subject to restrictions on transfer that terminate as follows:

(1) one-half of such shares may be sold on or after October 16, 2009, an additional one-quarter may be sold on or after October 16, 2010 and an additional one-quarter may be sold on or after October 16, 2011.

(2) Class A common stock, \$.001 par value.

(3) Options to purchase 5,000 shares of Class A Common Stock are exercisable on October 16, 2007, 5,000 shares of Class A Common Stock are exercisable on October 16, 2008, 5,000 shares of Class A Common Stock are exercisable on October 16, 2009 and 5,000 shares of Class A Common Stock are exercisable on October 16, 2010.

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