

SANDLER DAVID  
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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 \*  
SANDLER DAVID

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)  
 Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
President & CEO

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
C/O MSC INDUSTRIAL DIRECT CO INC, 75 MAXESS RD  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
11/14/2005

MELVILLE, NY 11747

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

(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)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D) Price		
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value	11/14/2005		M		17,826 A \$ 13.9375	73,267	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value	11/14/2005		M		25,000 A \$ 14.5	98,267	D
	11/14/2005		S		13,500 D \$ 38.07	84,767	D

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Class A  
Common  
Stock,  
\$0.001 par  
value

Class A  
Common  
Stock,  
\$0.001 par  
value

11/14/2005

S

400

D

\$ 38.1

84,367

D

Class A  
Common  
Stock,  
\$0.001 par  
value

11/14/2005

S

300

D

\$ 38.11

84,067

D

Class A  
Common  
Stock,  
\$0.001 par  
value

11/14/2005

S

600

D

\$ 38.12

83,467

D

Class A  
Common  
Stock,  
\$0.001 par  
value

11/14/2005

S

400

D

\$ 38.13

83,067

D

Class A  
Common  
Stock,  
\$0.001 par  
value

11/14/2005

S

7,400

D

\$ 38.14

75,667

D

Class A  
Common  
Stock,  
\$0.001 par  
value

11/14/2005

S

17,900

D

\$ 38.15

57,767

D

Class A  
Common  
Stock,  
\$0.001 par  
value

11/14/2005

S

600

D

\$ 38.16

57,167

D

Class A  
Common  
Stock,  
\$0.001 par  
value

11/14/2005

S

1,000

D

\$ 38.17

56,167

D

11/14/2005

S

300

D

\$ 38.18

55,867

D

Class A  
Common  
Stock,  
\$0.001 par  
value

Class A  
Common  
Stock,  
\$0.001 par  
value

Class A  
Common  
Stock,  
\$0.001 par  
value

11/14/2005

S

426

D

\$ 38.19

55,441

D

2,000

I

See  
Footnote  
(1)

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>	\$ 13.9375	11/14/2005		M	17,826	<sup>(3)</sup> 11/09/2010	See Footnote <sup>(5)</sup>	17,826
Options (right to buy) <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 14.5	11/14/2005		M	25,000	<sup>(4)</sup> 09/21/2011	See Footnote <sup>(5)</sup>	25,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

SANDLER DAVID  
C/O MSC INDUSTRIAL DIRECT CO INC X President & CEO  
75 MAXESS RD  
MELVILLE, NY 11747

## Signatures

/s/ David  
Sandler 11/15/2005

\*\*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) Held in trust for the benefit of the Reporting Person's children.
- (2) Options to Purchase Issuer's Class A common stock, \$.001 par value  
An option to purchase 125,000 shares of the Issuer's common stock, par value \$.001 per share, was issued to the Reporting person under  
(3) the Issuer's 1998 Stock Option Plan. One-fifth of such option became exercisable on each of November 9, 2001, November 9, 2002, November 9, 2003, November 9, 2004 and November 9, 2005.  
An option to purchase 175,000 shares of the Issuer's common stock, par value \$.001 per share, was issued to the Reporting person under  
(4) the Issuer's 2001 Stock Option Plan. One-fifth of such option became exercisable on each of September 21, 2002, September 21, 2003, September 21, 2004 and September 21, 2005. The balance of such option becomes exercisable in one-fifth on September 21, 2006.
- (5) Class A Common Stock, \$.001 par value

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