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MSC INDUSTRIAL DIRECT CO INC Form 4 April 25, 2006 OMB APPROVAL FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OMB 3235-0287 Washington, D.C. 20549 Number: Check this box January 31, Expires: if no longer 2005 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF subject to Estimated average **SECURITIES** Section 16. burden hours per Form 4 or response... 0.5 Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction 1(b). (Print or Type Responses) 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading **GERSHWIND ERIK** Issuer Symbol MSC INDUSTRIAL DIRECT CO (Check all applicable) INC [MSM] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner X_Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) below) C/O MSC INDUSTRIAL DIRECT 04/21/2006 SVP, Product Mgmnt & Marketing CO., INC., 75 MAXESS ROAD (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting MELVILLE, NY 11747 Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 1.Title of 3. 6. 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Securities Ownership Indirect (Instr. 3) any Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially Form: Direct Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Ownership (D) or Following Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) Reported (Instr. 4) (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Price Code V Amount (D) Class A Common 04/21/2006 А \$ 0 (1) 40,325 D 25,000 А Stock Class A Common S D 04/21/2006 3.350 \$ 53 36,975 D Stock Class A Common S 300 D 36.675 D 04/21/2006 53.01 Stock 04/21/2006 S D Class A 555 D \$ 36,120

Common Stock					53.02	
Class A Common Stock	04/21/2006	S	450	D	\$ 35,670 53.03	D
Class A Common Stock	04/21/2006	S	2,220	D	\$ 33,450 53.04	D
Class A Common Stock	04/21/2006	S	120	D	\$ 33,330 53.05	D
Class A Common Stock	04/21/2006	S	585	D	\$ 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	\$ 32,310	D
Class A Common Stock	04/21/2006	S	300	D	\$ 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)

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative 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 Deri Seci (Ins
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Class B Common Stock	(2)	04/21/2006		С	25,000	<u>(3)</u>	<u>(3)</u>	Class A Common Stock	25,000	

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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, 04/25	5/2006					

Attorney-in-Fact

Date

**Signature of Reporting Person

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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