MSC INDUSTRIAL DIRECT CO INC

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FORM 4

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Class A

04/24/2006

(Print or Type Responses)

| | | | Symbol MSC IN | 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) | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|---|-------|------------------|---|------------|-------|-------------|--|--|----------|--|--|
| | | | | of Earliest Transaction Day/Year) 2006 | | | | Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) SVP, Product Mgmnt & Marketing | | | | |
| (Street) 4. If A | | | | If Amendment, Date Original | | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check | | | | |
| MELVILLE, NY 11747 | | | | Filed(Month/Day/Year) | | | | | Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | Tabl | le I - Non-I | Derivative | Secur | ities Acq | uired, Disposed o | f, or Beneficial | ly Owned | | |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | | | Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | | |
| Class A | | | | Code V | Amount | (D) | Price | (msu. 5 and 1) | | | | |
| Common Stock | 04/24/2006 | | | S | 2,150 | D | \$ 52.9 | 28,090 | D | | | |
| Class A Common Stock | 04/24/2006 | | | S | 617 | D | \$ 52.91 | 27,473 | D | | | |
| Class A Common Stock | 04/24/2006 | | | S | 400 | D | \$ 52.92 | 27,073 | D | | | |
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| Common Stock | | | | | 52.93 | | |
|----------------------------|------------|---|-------|---|-------------|--------|---|
| Class A Common Stock | 04/24/2006 | S | 4,391 | D | \$ 52.94 | 22,557 | D |
| Class A Common Stock | 04/24/2006 | S | 250 | D | \$ 52.96 | 22,307 | D |
| Class A Common Stock | 04/24/2006 | S | 467 | D | \$ 52.97 | 21,840 | D |
| Class A Common Stock | 04/24/2006 | S | 1,275 | D | \$ 53 | 20,565 | D |

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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. Transac Code (Instr. 8 | ction (| Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | | ate | 7. Titl Amou Under Securi (Instr. | nt of lying | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) |
|---|---|---|---|------------------------------------|---------|--|---------------------|--------------------|---|----------------------------|---|
| | | | | Code | V (| (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | |

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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

SVP, Product Mgmnt & Marketing

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Signatures

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

04/26/2006

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

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