

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 * <b>COX THOMAS</b>			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <b>MSC INDUSTRIAL DIRECT CO INC [MSM]</b>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)  <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) EVP of Sales
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <b>07/24/2006</b>	
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code	V	Amount or Price			
Class A Common Stock, \$.001 par value	07/24/2006		S		274	D	\$ 38.61 11,419	D
Class A Common Stock, \$.001 par value	07/25/2006		M		3,000	A	\$ 13.9375 14,419	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. P... Der... Sec... (Ins...	
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
						Code	V	(A)	(D)
Options (right to buy) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 13.9375	07/25/2006		M	3,000	<u>(2)</u>	11/09/2010	See Footnote <u>(3)</u>	3,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
COX THOMAS			EVP of Sales	

## Signatures

/s/ Thomas Cox                      07/26/2006  
 \*\*Signature of                      Date  
 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) Options to Purchase Issuer's Class A common stock, \$.001 par value  
 An option to purchase 50,000 shares of the Issuer's common stock, par value \$.001 per share, was issued to the Reporting person under
- (2) 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.
- (3) Class A Common Stock, \$.001 par value.

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