

GERSHWIND ERIK  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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)  
C/O MSC INDUSTRIAL DIRECT CO., INC., 75 MAXESS RD.

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
01/15/2013

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

(Street)  
MELVILLE, NY US 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

**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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value	01/15/2013		M	8,500	A \$ 23.41	46,715	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value	01/15/2013		M	20,000	A \$ 42.78	66,715	D



## 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) Represents options to purchase the Issuer's Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (the "Common Stock").

An option to purchase 8,500 shares of the Issuer's Common Stock was issued to the Reporting Person under the Issuer's 2001 Stock

(2) Option Plan. 1,700 shares of Common Stock became exercisable on each of October 20, 2004, October 20, 2005, October 20, 2006, October 20, 2007, and October 20, 2008.

An option to purchase 20,000 shares of the Issuer's Common Stock was issued to the Reporting Person under the Issuer's 2005 Omnibus

(3) Equity Plan. 5,000 shares of Common Stock became exercisable on each of October 16, 2007, October 16, 2008, October 16, 2009, and October 16, 2010.

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