

MSC INDUSTRIAL DIRECT CO INC  
Form 4  
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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

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O MSC INDUSTRIAL DIRECT CO., INC., 75 MAXESS ROAD

(Street)

MELVILLE, NY 11747

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
MSC INDUSTRIAL DIRECT CO INC [MSM]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
04/19/2006

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
SVP, Product Mgmt & Marketing

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**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) |   |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|---|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Price   |  |                                   |   |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | Code  | V   | Amount   |                                   |   |
| Class A Common Stock            | 04/19/2006                           |  | S                              | 1,140   | D   | \$ 52.55   | 38,545                            | D |
| Class A Common Stock            | 04/19/2006                           |  | S                              | 45  | D   | \$ 52.56   | 38,500                            | D |
| Class A Common Stock            | 04/19/2006                           |  | S                              | 150   | D   | \$ 52.57   | 38,350                            | D |
| Class A Common Stock            | 04/19/2006                           |  | S                              | 225   | D   | \$   | 38,125                            | D |

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|----------------------------|------------|---|-------|---|-------------|--------|---|--|
| Common<br>Stock            |            |   |       |   |             | 52.58  |   |  |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 04/19/2006 | S | 525   | D | \$<br>52.59 | 37,600 | D |  |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 04/19/2006 | S | 915   | D | \$ 52.6     | 36,685 | D |  |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 04/19/2006 | S | 15    | D | \$<br>52.61 | 36,670 | D |  |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 04/19/2006 | S | 15    | D | \$<br>52.63 | 36,655 | D |  |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 04/19/2006 | S | 285   | D | \$<br>52.64 | 36,370 | D |  |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 04/19/2006 | S | 1,755 | D | \$<br>52.65 | 34,615 | D |  |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 04/19/2006 | S | 1,590 | D | \$ 52.7     | 33,025 | D |  |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 04/19/2006 | S | 30    | D | \$<br>52.71 | 32,995 | D |  |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 04/19/2006 | S | 90    | D | \$<br>52.72 | 32,905 | D |  |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 04/19/2006 | S | 15    | D | \$<br>52.73 | 32,890 | D |  |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 04/19/2006 | S | 90    | D | \$<br>52.74 | 32,800 | D |  |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 04/19/2006 | S | 690   | D | \$<br>52.75 | 32,110 | D |  |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 04/19/2006 | S | 645   | D | \$<br>52.76 | 31,465 | D |  |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 04/19/2006 | S | 915   | D | \$<br>52.77 | 30,550 | D |  |

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|----------------------------|------------|---|-------|---|-------------|--------|---|
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 04/19/2006 | S | 270   | D | \$<br>52.78 | 30,280 | D |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 04/19/2006 | S | 1,410 | D | \$<br>52.79 | 28,870 | D |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 04/19/2006 | S | 4,125 | D | \$ 52.8     | 24,745 | D |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 04/19/2006 | S | 525   | D | \$<br>52.81 | 24,220 | 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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number<br>of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed<br>of (D)<br>(Instr. 3,<br>4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Underlying<br>Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Nu<br>Deriv<br>Secur<br>Bene<br>Own<br>Follo<br>Repo<br>Trans<br>(Instr |
|---|--|---|---|--------------------------------------|--|--|---|---|--|
|   |  |   |   |                                      |  | Date<br>Exercisable  | Expiration<br>Date  | Title   | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares                                     |
|   |  |   |   |                                      |  | Code   | V (A) (D)   |   |  |

## 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,  
Attorney-in-Fact

04/20/2006

\_\_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).

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