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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 *
Armstrong Steve

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
10/13/2009

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
VP, Gen. Counsel & Corp. Secy.

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

(Street)

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

MELVILLE, NY 11747

(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) |
|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| | | | | Code | V | Amount | |
| Class A Common Stock, \$ 0.001 par value | 10/13/2009 | | A | (1) | \$ 0 | 5,718 | 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. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Options (right to buy) ⁽²⁾ | \$ 44.17 | 10/13/2009 | | A | 18,928 | ⁽³⁾ 10/13/2016 | Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value | 18,928 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

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

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

VP, Gen. Counsel & Corp. Secy.

Signatures

/s/ Steve
Armstrong 10/14/2009

 **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).
- These shares were granted under the Issuer's 2005 Omnibus Equity Plan, and are subject to restrictions on transfer that terminate as follows: one-half of such shares may be sold on or after October 13, 2012, an additional one-quarter may be sold on or after October 13, 2013 and an additional one-quarter may be sold on or after October 13, 2014.
- (1) Represents options to purchase the Issuer's Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value ("Common Stock").
 - (2) An option to purchase 18,928 shares of the Issuer's Common Stock was issued to the Reporting Person under the Issuer's 2005 Omnibus Equity Plan. 4,732 shares of Common Stock become exercisable on each of October 13, 2010, October 13, 2011, October 13, 2012 and October 13, 2013.
 - (3)

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