

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 \*  
**JACOBSON MITCHELL**

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)  
**11/14/2005**

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

**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  
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**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) Code V Amount Price                                    |   |  |                                   |
| Class A Common Stock            | 11/14/2005                           |  | S                              | 7,800 D \$ 38.15  | 216,800   | I (1)  | By trust                          |
| Class A Common Stock            | 11/14/2005                           |  | S                              | 1,600 D \$ 38.16  | 215,200   | I (1)  | By trust                          |
| Class A Common Stock            | 11/14/2005                           |  | S                              | 400 D \$ 38.17  | 214,800   | I (1)  | By trust                          |
| Class A Common Stock            | 11/14/2005                           |  | S                              | 800 D \$  | 214,000   | I (1)  | By trust                          |

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|----------------------|------------|---|-----|---|----------|---------|------------------|----------|
| Common Stock         |            |   |     |   |          | 38.18   |                  |          |
| Class A Common Stock | 11/14/2005 | S | 700 | D | \$ 38.19 | 213,300 | I <sup>(1)</sup> | By trust |
| Class A Common Stock | 11/14/2005 | S | 600 | D | \$ 38.2  | 212,700 | I <sup>(1)</sup> | By trust |
| Class A Common Stock |            |   |     |   |          | 130,169 | D <sup>(1)</sup> |          |

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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
|  |  |                                      |  |                                |   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                                      | Amount or Number of Shares                                       |
|  |  |                                      |  |                                |   |  |   |  |  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| JACOBSON MITCHELL<br>MSC INDUSTRIAL DIRECT CO., INC.<br>75 MAXESS ROAD<br>MELVILLE, NY 11747 | X             | X         |         |       |

## Signatures

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

11/16/2005

\_\_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).

Includes shares of Class A Common Stock which the Reporting Person may be deemed to beneficially own as Settlor and Trustee of the  
(1) Mitchell L. Jacobson 2005 Grantor Retained Annuity Trust #2 (the "Jacobson 2005 GRAT 2"). The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares held by the Jacobson 2005 GRAT 2.

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