

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**

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)  
**04/21/2006**

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

**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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code	V	Amount	
Class A Common Stock	04/21/2006		A	25,000	A	\$ 0 <sup>(1)</sup>	40,325 D
Class A Common Stock	04/21/2006		S	3,350	D	\$ 53	36,975 D
Class A Common Stock	04/21/2006		S	300	D	\$ 53.01	36,675 D
Class A Common Stock	04/21/2006		S	555	D	\$	36,120 D

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Common Stock						53.02	
Class A Common Stock	04/21/2006	S	450	D	\$ 53.03	35,670	D
Class A Common Stock	04/21/2006	S	2,220	D	\$ 53.04	33,450	D
Class A Common Stock	04/21/2006	S	120	D	\$ 53.05	33,330	D
Class A Common Stock	04/21/2006	S	585	D	\$ 53.06	32,745	D
Class A Common Stock	04/21/2006	S	180	D	\$ 53.07	32,565	D
Class A Common Stock	04/21/2006	S	255	D	\$ 53.08	32,310	D
Class A Common Stock	04/21/2006	S	300	D	\$ 53.09	32,010	D
Class A Common Stock	04/21/2006	S	1,635	D	\$ 53.1	30,375	D
Class A Common Stock	04/21/2006	S	45	D	\$ 53.11	30,330	D
Class A Common Stock	04/21/2006	S	30	D	\$ 53.14	30,300	D
Class A Common Stock	04/21/2006	S	60	D	\$ 53.15	30,240	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)

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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 Deriv Sec (Ins	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Class B Common Stock	(2)	04/21/2006		C	25,000	(3)	(3)	Class A Common Stock	25,000

## 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

04/25/2006

\*\*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).
- (1) The shares of Class A Common Stock reported as being acquired by the Reporting Person on this report were acquired upon conversion of Class B Common Stock held by the Reporting Person.
- (2) The Class B Common Stock is convertible into Class A Common Stock on a one-for-one basis.
- (3) The Class B Common Stock is immediately convertible into Class A Common Stock and does not expire.

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