

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 C/O MSC INDUSTRIAL DIRECT CO., INC., 75 MAXESS ROAD  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 04/18/2006

MELVILLE, NY 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  
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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)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Class A Common Stock	04/18/2006		S		885 D \$ 52	73,450	D
Class A Common Stock	04/18/2006		S		45 D \$ 52.01	73,405	D
Class A Common Stock	04/18/2006		S		270 D \$ 52.03	73,135	D
Class A Common Stock	04/18/2006		S		15 D \$	73,120	D

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Common Stock						52.06		
Class A Common Stock	04/18/2006	S	15	D	\$ 52.07	73,105		D
Class A Common Stock	04/18/2006	S	120	D	\$ 52.08	72,985		D
Class A Common Stock	04/18/2006	S	105	D	\$ 52.09	72,880		D
Class A Common Stock	04/18/2006	S	240	D	\$ 52.1	72,640		D
Class A Common Stock	04/18/2006	S	105	D	\$ 52.11	72,535		D
Class A Common Stock	04/18/2006	S	315	D	\$ 52.12	72,220		D
Class A Common Stock	04/18/2006	S	240	D	\$ 52.13	71,980		D
Class A Common Stock	04/18/2006	S	780	D	\$ 52.14	71,200		D
Class A Common Stock	04/18/2006	S	1,095	D	\$ 52.15	70,105		D
Class A Common Stock	04/18/2006	S	300	D	\$ 52.16	69,805		D
Class A Common Stock	04/18/2006	S	855	D	\$ 52.17	68,950		D
Class A Common Stock	04/18/2006	S	330	D	\$ 52.18	68,620		D
Class A Common Stock	04/18/2006	S	315	D	\$ 52.19	68,305		D
Class A Common Stock	04/18/2006	S	615	D	\$ 52.2	67,690		D

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Class A Common Stock	04/18/2006	S	195	D	\$ 52.21	67,495	D
Class A Common Stock	04/18/2006	S	720	D	\$ 52.22	66,775	D
Class A Common Stock	04/18/2006	S	90	D	\$ 52.23	66,685	D
Class A Common Stock	04/18/2006	S	30	D	\$ 52.24	66,655	D
Class A Common Stock	04/18/2006	S	3,375	D	\$ 52.25	63,280	D
Class A Common Stock	04/18/2006	S	1,065	D	\$ 52.26	62,215	D
Class A Common Stock	04/18/2006	S	495	D	\$ 52.27	61,720	D
Class A Common Stock	04/18/2006	S	225	D	\$ 52.28	61,495	D
Class A Common Stock	04/18/2006	S	570	D	\$ 52.29	60,925	D
Class A Common Stock	04/18/2006	S	1,140	D	\$ 52.3	59,785	D
Class A Common Stock	04/18/2006	S	495	D	\$ 52.31	59,290	D
Class A Common Stock	04/18/2006	S	150	D	\$ 52.32	59,140	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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 6)
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## 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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