

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**04/13/2006**

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

**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  
 \_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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		
Class A Common Stock	04/13/2006		S	795	D \$ 51	91,735	D
Class A Common Stock	04/13/2006		S	150	D \$ 51.01	91,585	D
Class A Common Stock	04/13/2006		S	405	D \$ 51.02	91,180	D
Class A Common Stock	04/13/2006		S	105	D \$	91,075	D

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Common Stock						51.03		
Class A Common Stock	04/13/2006	S	15	D	\$ 51.04	91,060		D
Class A Common Stock	04/13/2006	S	120	D	\$ 51.05	90,940		D
Class A Common Stock	04/13/2006	S	75	D	\$ 51.06	90,865		D
Class A Common Stock	04/13/2006	S	90	D	\$ 51.07	90,775		D
Class A Common Stock	04/13/2006	S	75	D	\$ 51.08	90,700		D
Class A Common Stock	04/13/2006	S	105	D	\$ 51.09	90,595		D
Class A Common Stock	04/13/2006	S	75	D	\$ 51.1	90,520		D
Class A Common Stock	04/13/2006	S	60	D	\$ 51.11	90,460		D
Class A Common Stock	04/13/2006	S	180	D	\$ 51.12	90,280		D
Class A Common Stock	04/13/2006	S	15	D	\$ 51.13	90,265		D
Class A Common Stock	04/13/2006	S	135	D	\$ 51.14	90,130		D
Class A Common Stock	04/13/2006	S	135	D	\$ 51.17	89,995		D
Class A Common Stock	04/13/2006	S	105	D	\$ 51.18	89,890		D
Class A Common Stock	04/13/2006	S	285	D	\$ 51.22	89,605		D

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Class A Common Stock	04/13/2006	S	90	D	\$ 51.23	89,515	D
Class A Common Stock	04/13/2006	S	375	D	\$ 51.25	89,140	D
Class A Common Stock	04/13/2006	S	1,560	D	\$ 51.26	87,580	D
Class A Common Stock	04/13/2006	S	45	D	\$ 51.27	87,535	D
Class A Common Stock	04/13/2006	S	45	D	\$ 51.28	87,490	D
Class A Common Stock	04/13/2006	S	480	D	\$ 51.29	87,010	D
Class A Common Stock	04/13/2006	S	555	D	\$ 51.3	86,455	D
Class A Common Stock	04/13/2006	S	345	D	\$ 51.31	86,110	D
Class A Common Stock	04/13/2006	S	105	D	\$ 51.32	86,005	D
Class A Common Stock	04/13/2006	S	225	D	\$ 51.33	85,780	D
Class A Common Stock	04/13/2006	S	435	D	\$ 51.34	85,345	D
Class A Common Stock	04/13/2006	S	390	D	\$ 51.35	84,955	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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Table with 9 columns: 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. 5).

Reporting Owners

Table with 2 main columns: Reporting Owner Name / Address and Relationships. Reporting Owner: GERSHWIND ERIK, C/O MSC INDUSTRIAL DIRECT CO., INC., 75 MAXESS ROAD, MELVILLE, NY 11747. Relationship: SVP, Product Mgmnt & Marketing.

Signatures

/s/ J. Robert Small, Attorney-in-Fact, 04/14/2006

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
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