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OMB APPROVAL FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OMB 3235-0287 Washington, D.C. 20549 Number: Check this box January 31, Expires: if no longer 2005 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF subject to Estimated average **SECURITIES** Section 16. burden hours per Form 4 or response... 0.5 Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction 1(b). (Print or Type Responses) 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading ECCLESTON THOMAS Issuer Symbol MSC INDUSTRIAL DIRECT CO (Check all applicable) INC [MSM] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner Other (specify _X__ Officer (give title (Month/Day/Year) below) below) C/O MSC INDUSTRIAL DIRECT 11/02/2004 **VP OF FACILITIES & SECRETARY** CO INC, 75 MAXESS RD (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person _ Form filed by More than One Reporting MLEVILLE, NY 11747 Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 6. Ownership 7. Nature of 1.Title of 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Security Securities Form: Direct Indirect icial

(Instr. 3)	(wondin Day, real)	(Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A)		Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	(D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (1)	11/02/2004		S	69	D	\$ 33.52	2,448	D	
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (1)	11/02/2004		S	11	D	\$ 33.53	2,437	D	
	11/02/2004		S	40	D		2,397	D	

Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (1)					\$ 33.55	
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (1)	11/02/2004	S	19	D	\$ 33.56 ^{2,378}	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (1)	11/02/2004	S	3	D	\$ 33.57 2,375	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (1)	11/02/2004	S	57	D	\$ 33.58 2,318	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (1)	11/02/2004	S	5	D	\$ 33.59 2,313	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (1)	11/02/2004	S	331	D	\$ 33.6 1,982	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (1)	11/02/2004	S	326	D	\$ 33.62 ^{1,656}	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (1)	11/02/2004	S	84	D	\$ 33.63 1,572	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (1)	11/02/2004	S	62	D	\$ 33.64 1,510	D
	11/02/2004	S	134	D	1,376	D

Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par					\$ 33.65		
value (1)							
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (1)	11/02/2004	S	22	D	\$ 33.66	1,354	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (1)	11/02/2004	S	59	D	\$ 33.67	1,295	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (1)	11/02/2004	S	11	D	\$ 33.68	1,284	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (1)	11/02/2004	S	3	D	\$ 33.73	1,281	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (1)	11/02/2004	S	24	D	\$ 33.75	1,257	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (1)	11/02/2004	S	3	D	\$ 33.86	1,254	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (1)	11/02/2004	S	8	D	\$ 33.9	1,246	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (1)	11/02/2004	S	5	D	\$ 33.92	1,241	D
	11/02/2004	S	8	D		1,233	D

Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (1)					\$ 33.94		
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (1)	11/02/2004	S	5	D	\$ 33.96	1,228	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (1)	11/02/2004	S	8	D	\$ 33.97	1,220	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (1)	11/02/2004	S	51	D	\$ 34	1,169	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (1)	11/02/2004	S	57	D	\$ 34.01	1,112	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (1)	11/02/2004	S	46	D	\$ 34.02	1,066	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (1)	11/02/2004	S	27	D	\$ 34.03	1,039	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (1)	11/02/2004	S	67	D	\$ 34.04	972	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (1)	11/02/2004	S	113	D	\$ 34.05	859	D
	11/02/2004	S	8	D		851	D

Class A	\$
Common	34.08
Stock,	
\$0.001 par	
value (1)	

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	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		4. Transactio	5. onNumber	6. Date Exercised Expiration D		7. Titl Amou		8. Price of Derivative	9. Nu Deriv
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					4, and 5)						
									Amount		
						Date	Expiration		or		
						Exercisable	Date	Title	Number		
				<u> </u>					of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Addre	NCC	Relationships								
Reporting Owner Maine / Addre	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other						
ECCLESTON THOMAS C/O MSC INDUSTRIAL DIRECT 75 MAXESS RD MLEVILLE, NY 11747	CO INC		VP OF FACILITIES & SECRETARY							
Signatures										
/s/ Thomas 11/04/2 Eccleston	2004									
<u>**</u> Signature of Date Reporting Person										

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

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(1) Person is filing 3 simultaneous Form 4's to report his reportable transactions all of which together shall be deemed a single report filed on this date. This is the 2nd Form 4 of the 3 filings.

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