SANDLER DAVID

Form 4

value
Class A
Common
Stock,

\$0.001 par value

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OMB APPROVAL 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 SANDLER DAVID Issuer Symbol MSC INDUSTRIAL DIRECT CO (Check all applicable) INC [MSM] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction _X__ Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) C/O MSC INDUSTRIAL DIRECT 11/02/2004 President & COO 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 MELVILLE, NY 11747 (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 6. 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Securities Ownership Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially Form: Direct Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned (D) or Ownership (Instr. 4) Following Indirect (I) Reported (Instr. 4) (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Class A Common Stock, 11/02/2004 M 7,026 Α \$ 7.75 30,328 D \$0.001 par

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12,386 D

\$ 14.5 63,328

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Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (5)							
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (5)	11/02/2004	S	354	D	\$ 33.01	50,588	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (5)	11/02/2004	S	152	D	\$ 33.02	50,436	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (5)	11/02/2004	S	202	D	\$ 33.03	50,234	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (5)	11/02/2004	S	101	D	\$ 33.04	50,133	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (5)	11/02/2004	S	329	D	\$ 33.05	49,804	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (5)	11/02/2004	S	303	D	\$ 33.07	49,501	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (5)	11/02/2004	S	480	D	\$ 33.09	49,021	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (5)	11/02/2004	S	758	D	\$ 33.1	48,263	D
	11/02/2004	S	152	D		48,111	D

Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (5)					\$ 33.11		
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (5)	11/02/2004	S	101	D	\$ 33.15	48,010	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (5)	11/02/2004	S	25	D	\$ 33.16	47,985	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (5)	11/02/2004	S	76	D	\$ 33.19	47,909	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (5)	11/02/2004	S	177	D	\$ 33.2	47,732	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (5)	11/02/2004	S	152	D	\$ 33.21	47,580	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.01 par value	11/02/2004	S	51	D	\$ 33.22	47,529	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (5)	11/02/2004	S	101	D	\$ 33.23	47,428	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (5)	11/02/2004	S	101	D	\$ 33.24	47,327	D
	11/02/2004	S	253	D		47,074	D

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Con Sto \$0.0	ss A mmon ck, 001 par ue (5)	11/02/2004	S	101	D	\$ 33.26	46,973	D
Con Sto \$0.0	ss A mmon ck, 001 par ue (5)	11/02/2004	S	177	D	\$ 33.27	46,796	D
Con Sto \$0.0	ss A mmon ck, 001 par ue (5)	11/02/2004	S	76	D	\$ 33.28	46,720	D
Con Sto \$0.0	ss A mmon ck, 001 par ue (5)	11/02/2004	S	101	D	\$ 33.29	46,619	D
Con Sto \$0.0	ss A mmon ck, 001 par ue (5)	11/02/2004	S	253	D	\$ 33.35	46,366	D
Con Sto \$0.0	ss A mmon ck, 001 par ue (5)	11/02/2004	S	2,351	D	\$ 33.4	44,015	D
Con Sto \$0.0	ss A mmon ck, 001 par ue (5)	11/02/2004	S	177	D	\$ 33.43	43,838	D
Con Sto \$0.0	ss A mmon ck, 001 par ue (5)	11/02/2004	S	607	D	\$ 33.45	43,231	D
		11/02/2004	S	2,300	D	\$ 33.5	40,931	D

Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (5)

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of ionDerivative 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 II S (
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Options (right to buy) (1)	\$ 7.75	11/02/2004		M		7,026	(2)	10/19/2009	See Footnote	7,026	
Options (right to buy) (1)	\$ 14.5	11/02/2004		M		33,000	(3)	09/21/2001	See Footnote	33,000	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
reporting 6 with Future 35	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
SANDLER DAVID C/O MSC INDUSTRIAL DIRECT CO INC 75 MAXESS RD MELVILLE, NY 11747	X		President & COO			
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Signatures

Reporting Person

/s/ David	11/03/2004			
Sandler	11/03/2004			
**Signature of	Date			

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- * 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) Options to purchase Issuer's Class A common stock, \$.001 par value
- An option to purchase 200,000 shares of the Issuer's common stock, par value \$.001 per share, was issued to the Reporting person under (2) the Issuer's 1998 Stock Option Plan. One-fifth of such option became exercisable on each of October 19, 2000, October 19, 2001, October 19, 2002, October 19, 2003 and October 19, 2004.
- An option to purchase 175,000 shares of the Issuer's common stock, par value \$.001 per share, was issued to the Reporting person under the Issuer's 2001 Stock Option Plan. One fifth of such option became exercisable on each of September 21, 2002, September 21, 2003 and September 21, 2004. The balance of such option become exercisable in one fifth on each of September 21, 2005 and September 21, 2006.
- (4) Class A Common Stock, \$.001 par value
- Because the SEC's electronic filing system does not allow for the disclosure of more than 30 transactions on one Form 4, the Reporting
- (5) 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 1st Form 4 of the 3 filings.

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