SANDLER DAVID

Form 4

\$0.001 par value

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FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION									OMB APPROVAL		
	UNITEDS		URITIES A Vashington			NGE C	OMMISSION	OMB Number:	3235-0287		
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(Print or Type I	Responses)										
SANDLER DAVID Sy			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol MSC INDUSTRIAL DIRECT CO				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)				
		INC	[MSM]				(Check an applicable)				
			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 11/05/2004				X Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) President and C.O.O.				
CO INC, 75	MAXESS RD										
MEI VII I E	(Street) E, NY 11747		Amendment, D Month/Day/Yea	_	l		6. Individual or Jo Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by C Form filed by M	one Reporting Pe	rson		
							Person				
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	able I - Non-	Derivative :	Securi	ities Acq	uired, Disposed of	, or Beneficial	ly Owned		
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, any (Month/Day/Ye	Code	4. Securit on(A) or Dis (Instr. 3, 4	sposed	of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
Class A Common			Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)				
Stock, \$0.001 par value	11/05/2004		M	7,081	A	\$ 14.25	29,044	D			
Class A Common Stock,	11/05/2004		M	12,903	A	\$ 7.75	41,947	D			

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

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 orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exerc Expiration D (Month/Day/	ate	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8 E S (()
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Options (right to buy) (1)	\$ 14.25	11/05/2004		M		7,081	(2)	10/14/2008	See Footnote	7,081	
Options (right to buy) (1)	\$ 7.75	11/05/2004		M		12,903	(3)	10/19/2009	See Footnote	12,903	

Reporting Owners

/s/ David

**Signature of

Reporting Person

Sandler

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Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
. 6	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
SANDLER DAVID C/O MSC INDUSTRIAL DIRECT CO INC 75 MAXESS RD MELVILLE, NY 11747	X		President and C.O.O.				
Signatures							

11/09/2004

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 14, 1999, October 14, 2000, October 14, 2001, October 14, 2002 and October 14, 2003.
- 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
- (3) 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.
- (4) Class A Common Stock, \$.001 par value.
- (5) Held in trust for the benefit of the Reporting Person's children.

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