#### BOEHLKE CHARLES A JR

11/11/2004

Form 4

November 12, 2004

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	Address of Reporting		2. Issue	er Name <b>an</b>	d Ticker o	Tradi	ing	5. Relationship of	Reporting Pers	on(s) to		
BOEHLKE	E CHARLES A JI	₹	Symbol					Issuer				
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(Last)	(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of								X Director 10% OwnerX Officer (give title Other (specify			
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(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tab	ole I - Non-	Derivative	Secu	rities Acqu	iired, Disposed of,	or Beneficial	y Owned		
1.Title of	2. Transaction Date			3.			quired (A)		6.	7. Nature of		
Security (Instr. 3)	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution any	Date, if	Transaction Code	omr Dispos (Instr. 3,			Securities Beneficially	Ownership Form:	Indirect Beneficial		
(IIIsti. 3)		(Month/D	ay/Year)	(Instr. 8)	(111501. 5,	t and .	<i>)</i>	Owned	Direct (D)	Direct (D) Ownership or Indirect (Instr. 4)		
								Following				
						(A)		Reported Transaction(s)	(I) (Instr. 4)			
				Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)	` ,			
Class A				Code v	2 Milount	(D)	Trice					
Common							¢					
Stock,	11/11/2004			M	5,000	A	φ 13 937	12,280	D			
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Common	11/11/2001				••••		<b>*</b> • • • •		_			
Stock,	11/11/2004			M	20,000	A	\$ 14.5	32,280	D			
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Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value					\$ 18.6875		
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (6)	11/11/2004	S	400	D	\$ 34.79	61,880	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (6)	11/11/2004	S	5,900	D	\$ 34.8	55,980	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (6)	11/11/2004	S	8,400	D	\$ 34.81	47,580	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (6)	11/11/2004	S	2,700	D	\$ 34.82	44,880	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (6)	11/11/2004	S	2,600	D	\$ 34.83	42,280	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (6)	11/11/2004	S	100	D	\$ 34.84	42,180	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (6)	11/11/2004	S	800	D	\$ 34.85	41,380	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (6)	11/11/2004	S	4,200	D	\$ 34.86	37,180	D
	11/11/2004	S	1,000	D	\$ 34.87	36,180	D

Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (6)							
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (6)	11/11/2004	S	4,900	D	\$ 34.88	31,280	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (6)	11/11/2004	S	1,000	D	\$ 34.89	30,280	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (6)	11/11/2004	S	5,400	D	\$ 34.9	24,880	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (6)	11/11/2004	S	200	D	\$ 34.91	24,680	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (6)	11/11/2004	S	1,000	D	\$ 34.92	23,680	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (6)	11/11/2004	S	600	D	\$ 34.93	23,080	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (6)	11/11/2004	S	1,900	D	\$ 34.95	21,180	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (6)	11/11/2004	S	100	D	\$ 34.96	21,080	D
	11/11/2004	S	100	D	\$ 34.97	20,980	D

Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (6)							
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (6)	11/11/2004	S	100	D	\$ 34.98	20,880	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (6)	11/11/2004	S	2,100	D	\$ 35	18,780	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (6)	11/11/2004	S	200	D	\$ 35.02	18,580	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (6)	11/11/2004	S	300	D	\$ 35.04	18,280	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (6)	11/11/2004	S	300	D	\$ 35.09	17,980	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (6)	11/11/2004	S	600	D	\$ 35.1	17,380	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (6)	11/11/2004	S	1,100	D	\$ 35.11	16,280	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (6)	11/11/2004	S	800	D	\$ 35.12	15,480	D
	11/11/2004	S	200	D	\$ 35.13	15,280	D

Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (6)

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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of or 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 o Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Options (right to buy) (1)	\$ 13.9375	11/11/2004		M	5,000	(2)	11/09/2010	See Footnote (5)	5,000
Options (right to buy) (1)	\$ 14.5	11/11/2004		M	20,000	(3)	09/21/2011	See Footnote (5)	20,000
Options (right to buy) (1)	\$ 18.6875	11/11/2004		M	30,000	<u>(4)</u>	06/19/2010	See Footnote (5)	30,000

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
<b>2</b>	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
BOEHLKE CHARLES A JR C/O MSC INDUSTRIAL DIRECT CO INC 75 MAXES ROAD	X		Executive VP and CFO			
MELVILLE, NY 11747						

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# **Signatures**

/s/ Charles A.
Boehlke, Jr.

11/12/2004

\*\*Signature of Reporting

# **Explanation of Responses:**

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Date

- \*\* 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 25,000 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 November 9, 2001, November 9, 2002, November 9, 2003 and November 9, 2004. The balance of such option becomes exercisable in one-fifth on November 9, 2005.
- An option to purchase 100,000 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 becomes exercisable in one-fifth on each of September 21, 2005 and September 21, 2006.
- An option to purchase 125,000 shares of the Issuer's common stock, par value \$.001 per share, was issued to the Reporting person under (4) the Issuer's 1998 Stock Option Plan. One-fifth of such option became exercisable on each of June 19, 2001, June 19, 2002, June 19, 2003 and June 19, 2004. The balance of such option becomes exercisable in one-fifth on June 19, 2005.
- (5) 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
- (6) Person is filing 2 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 2 filings.

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