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MSC INDUSTRIAL DIRECT CO INC Form 4 April 17, 2006 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 **GERSHWIND ERIK** Issuer Symbol MSC INDUSTRIAL DIRECT CO (Check all applicable) INC [MSM] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner X_Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) below) C/O MSC INDUSTRIAL DIRECT 04/13/2006 SVP, Product Mgmnt & Marketing CO., INC., 75 MAXESS ROAD (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 Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 1.Title of 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) any Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Following Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Class A Common S 04/13/2006 240 D 84,715 D 51.36 Stock Class A Common S 165 04/13/2006 D 84,550 D 51 37 Stock Class A Common S 405 D 84,145 D 04/13/2006 51.38 Stock 04/13/2006 S 12084,025 D Class A D \$

Common Stock					51.39		
Class A Common Stock	04/13/2006	S	330	D	\$ 51.4	83,695	D
Class A Common Stock	04/13/2006	S	135	D	\$ 51.41	83,560	D
Class A Common Stock	04/13/2006	S	360	D	\$ 51.42	83,200	D
Class A Common Stock	04/13/2006	S	300	D	\$ 51.43	82,900	D
Class A Common Stock	04/13/2006	S	225	D	\$ 51.44	82,675	D
Class A Common Stock	04/13/2006	S	270	D	\$ 51.45	82,405	D
Class A Common Stock	04/13/2006	S	15	D	\$ 51.46	82,390	D
Class A Common Stock	04/13/2006	S	90	D	\$ 51.47	82,300	D
Class A Common Stock	04/13/2006	S	150	D	\$ 51.48	82,150	D
Class A Common Stock	04/13/2006	S	60	D	\$ 51.49	82,090	D
Class A Common Stock	04/13/2006	S	1,785	D	\$ 51.5	80,305	D
Class A Common Stock	04/13/2006	S	525	D	\$ 51.51	79,780	D
Class A Common Stock	04/13/2006	S	540	D	\$ 51.52	79,240	D
Class A Common Stock	04/13/2006	S	285	D	\$ 51.53	78,955	D

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Class A Common Stock	04/13/2006	S	180	D	\$ 51.54 78,775	D
Class A Common Stock	04/13/2006	S	735	D	\$ 78,040 51.55	D
Class A Common Stock	04/13/2006	S	165	D	\$ 51.56 77,875	D
Class A Common Stock	04/13/2006	S	315	D	\$ 51.57 77,560	D
Class A Common Stock	04/13/2006	S	210	D	\$ 77,350 51.58	D
Class A Common Stock	04/13/2006	S	270	D	\$ 51.59 77,080	D
Class A Common Stock	04/13/2006	S	540	D	\$ 51.6 76,540	D
Class A Common Stock	04/13/2006	S	255	D	\$ 51.61 76,285	D
Class A Common Stock	04/13/2006	S	45	D	\$ 51.62 ^{76,240}	D
Class A Common Stock	04/13/2006	S	90	D	\$ 76,150 51.63	D
Class A Common Stock	04/13/2006	S	45	D	\$ 51.64 76,105	D
Class A Common Stock	04/13/2006	S	60	D	\$ 51.65 ^{76,045}	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)

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. 6. Date Exercisable onNumber Expiration Date of (Month/Day/Year) Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		ate	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		
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Reporting Owner Name / Address		Keationships							
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other					
GERSHWIND ERIK C/O MSC INDUSTRIAL DIRECT CO., ING 75 MAXESS ROAD MELVILLE, NY 11747	С.		SVP, Product Mgmnt & Marketing						
Signatures									
/s/ J. Robert Small, Attorney-in-Fact	4/14/2006								

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

Remarks:

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