

MSC INDUSTRIAL DIRECT CO INC  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**JACOBSON MITCHELL**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**MSC INDUSTRIAL DIRECT CO INC [MSM]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**01/12/2012**

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

**C/O MSC INDUSTRIAL DIRECT CO., INC., 75 MAXESS ROAD**

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**MELVILLE, NY 11747**

(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code V	Amount	Price	
Class A Common Stock	01/12/2012		C	100,000	A <u>(1)</u> 142,338	D	
Class A Common Stock	01/12/2012		S	81,004	D \$ 73.36 <u>(2)</u> 61,334	D	
Class A Common Stock					29,862	I	By Trust <u>(3)</u>

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of 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 of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Class B Common Stock	(1)	01/12/2012		C	100,000	(1) (1)	Class A Common Stock 100,000
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Class B Common Stock	(1)					(1) (1)	Class A Common Stock (1)

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
JACOBSON MITCHELL C/O MSC INDUSTRIAL DIRECT CO., INC. 75 MAXESS ROAD MELVILLE, NY 11747	X	X		

## Signatures

/s/ J. Robert Small, Attorney-in-Fact 01/17/2012

\*\*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).
- (1) The Class B Common Stock is convertible immediately in a one-for-one basis into shares of Class A Common Stock and does not expire.
- (2) The price shown in Column 4 is a weighted average sale price. The price range for the sales is \$73.00 to \$73.62. The Reporting Person undertakes to provide upon request by the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer,

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full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.

- (3) Such shares are owned by trusts for the benefit of the Reporting Person's son, of which the Reporting Person's spouse is a Trustee. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares held by such trusts.
- (4) The Reporting Person may be deemed to beneficially own such shares as Settlor and Trustee of grantor retained annuity trusts. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares held by such trusts.

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