

MSC INDUSTRIAL DIRECT CO INC  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**GERSHWIND ERIK**

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**04/19/2006**

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
**SVP, Product Mgmt & Marketing**

**MELVILLE, NY 11747**

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

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Price   |  |                                   |
| Class A Common Stock            | 04/19/2006                           |  | S                              | 2,145   | D \$ 52.2   | 51,220   | D                                 |
| Class A Common Stock            | 04/19/2006                           |  | S                              | 45  | D \$ 52.21  | 51,175   | D                                 |
| Class A Common Stock            | 04/19/2006                           |  | S                              | 75  | D \$ 52.22  | 51,100   | D                                 |
| Class A Common Stock            | 04/19/2006                           |  | S                              | 30  | D \$  | 51,070   | D                                 |

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|----------------------------|------------|---|-----|---|-------------|--------|--|---|
| Common<br>Stock            |            |   |     |   |             | 52.23  |  |   |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 04/19/2006 | S | 75  | D | \$<br>52.24 | 50,995 |  | D |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 04/19/2006 | S | 255 | D | \$<br>52.25 | 50,740 |  | D |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 04/19/2006 | S | 360 | D | \$<br>52.26 | 50,380 |  | D |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 04/19/2006 | S | 330 | D | \$<br>52.27 | 50,050 |  | D |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 04/19/2006 | S | 180 | D | \$ 52.3     | 49,870 |  | D |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 04/19/2006 | S | 30  | D | \$<br>52.31 | 49,840 |  | D |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 04/19/2006 | S | 15  | D | \$<br>52.32 | 49,825 |  | D |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 04/19/2006 | S | 90  | D | \$<br>52.33 | 49,735 |  | D |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 04/19/2006 | S | 15  | D | \$<br>52.34 | 49,720 |  | D |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 04/19/2006 | S | 885 | D | \$<br>52.35 | 48,835 |  | D |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 04/19/2006 | S | 75  | D | \$<br>52.36 | 48,760 |  | D |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 04/19/2006 | S | 225 | D | \$<br>52.37 | 48,535 |  | D |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 04/19/2006 | S | 15  | D | \$<br>52.39 | 48,520 |  | D |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 04/19/2006 | S | 630 | D | \$ 52.4     | 47,890 |  | D |

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|----------------------------|------------|---|-------|---|-------------|--------|---|
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 04/19/2006 | S | 150   | D | \$<br>52.41 | 47,740 | D |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 04/19/2006 | S | 180   | D | \$<br>52.44 | 47,560 | D |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 04/19/2006 | S | 225   | D | \$<br>52.45 | 47,335 | D |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 04/19/2006 | S | 165   | D | \$<br>52.46 | 47,170 | D |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 04/19/2006 | S | 840   | D | \$<br>52.47 | 46,330 | D |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 04/19/2006 | S | 735   | D | \$<br>52.48 | 45,595 | D |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 04/19/2006 | S | 960   | D | \$<br>52.49 | 44,635 | D |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 04/19/2006 | S | 2,895 | D | \$ 52.5     | 41,740 | D |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 04/19/2006 | S | 75    | D | \$<br>52.51 | 41,665 | D |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 04/19/2006 | S | 300   | D | \$<br>52.52 | 41,365 | D |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 04/19/2006 | S | 60    | D | \$<br>52.53 | 41,305 | D |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 04/19/2006 | S | 1,620 | D | \$<br>52.54 | 39,685 | 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)

