

MSC INDUSTRIAL DIRECT CO INC
 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 *
 COX THOMAS

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)
 04/28/2008

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Executive VP, Sales

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
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(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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value	04/28/2008		M	3,038	A \$ 13.9375	28,800	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value	04/28/2008		S	538	D \$ 49.46	28,262	D
	04/28/2008		S	400	D \$ 49.43	27,862	D

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Class A
Common
Stock,
\$0.001 par
value

Class A
Common
Stock,
\$0.001 par
value

04/28/2008

S 100 D \$ 49.39 27,762 D

Class A
Common
Stock,
\$0.001 par
value

04/28/2008

S 300 D \$ 49.38 27,462 D

Class A
Common
Stock,
\$0.001 par
value

04/28/2008

S 200 D \$ 49.37 27,262 D

Class A
Common
Stock,
\$0.001 par
value

04/28/2008

S 1,100 D \$ 49.36 26,162 D

Class A
Common
Stock,
\$0.001 par
value

04/28/2008

S 300 D \$ 49.35 25,862 D

Class A
Common
Stock,
\$0.001 par
value

04/28/2008

S 100 D \$ 49.34 25,762 D

Class A
Common
Stock,
\$0.001 par
value

04/29/2008

S 2,275 D \$ 49.13 23,487 D

Class A
Common
Stock,
\$0.001 par
value

04/29/2008

G 700 D \$ 0 22,787 D

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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)	8. P... Der... Sec... (Ins...
Options (right to buy) ⁽¹⁾	\$ 13.9375	04/28/2008		M	3,038	⁽²⁾ 11/09/2010	See Footnote ⁽³⁾	Amount or Number of Shares 3,038

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

COX THOMAS
C/O MSC INDUSTRIAL DIRECT CO., INC.
75 MAXESS ROAD
MELVILLE, NY 11747

Executive VP, Sales

Signatures

/s/ Thomas Cox 04/30/2008

__Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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) Options to purchase Issuer's Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value per share ("Common Stock").

An option to purchase 50,000 shares of the Issuer's Common Stock was issued to the Reporting Person under the Issuer's 1998 Stock

(2) Option Plan. One-fifth became exercisable on each of November 9, 2001, November 9, 2002, November 9, 2003, November 9, 2004 and November 9, 2005.

(3) Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value per share.

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