

COX THOMAS

Form 4

April 15, 2011

FORM 4
UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
COX THOMAS

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

(Street)

MELVILLE, NY 11747

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol

MSC INDUSTRIAL DIRECT CO
INC [MSM]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)

04/13/2011

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

EXECUTIVE VP, SALES

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

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Class A Common Stock, \$ 0.001 par value	04/13/2011		M	10,000	A \$ 48.21	32,196	D
Class A Common Stock, \$ 0.001 par value	04/13/2011		S	10,000	D \$ (1) 70.357	22,196	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. Amount or Number of Shares
Options (right to buy) ⁽²⁾	\$ 48.21	04/13/2011		M	10,000	⁽³⁾ 10/17/2014	Class A Common Stock, \$.001 par value	10,000

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 04/14/2011

 Signature of
Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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Represents the sale of 10,000 shares in 34 separate transactions, ranging from \$70.00 to \$70.66 per share, resulting in a weighted average

(1) sale price per share of \$70.357. The Reporting Person undertakes to provide upon request by the SEC staff, the Issuer, or a security holder of the Issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range.

(2) Represents options to purchase the Issuer's Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value ("Common Stock").

(3)

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An option to purchase 40,000 shares of the Issuer's Common Stock was issued to the Reporting Person under the Issuer's 2005 Omnibus Equity Plan. 10,000 shares of Common Stock became exercisable on each of October 18, 2008, October 18, 2009 and October 18, 2010, and an additional 10,000 shares will become exercisable on October 18, 2011.

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