

GERSHWIND ERIK  
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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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
04/20/2006

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

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |   |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|---|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Price   |  |                                   |   |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | Code  | V   | Amount   |                                   |   |
| Class A Common Stock            | 04/20/2006                           |  | S                              | 75  | D   | \$ 53.12   | 16,360                            | D |
| Class A Common Stock            | 04/20/2006                           |  | S                              | 105   | D   | \$ 53.13   | 16,255                            | D |
| Class A Common Stock            | 04/20/2006                           |  | S                              | 90  | D   | \$ 53.14   | 16,165                            | D |
| Class A Common Stock            | 04/20/2006                           |  | S                              | 195   | D   | \$   | 15,970                            | D |

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|----------------------|------------|---|-----|---|----------|--------|---|--|
| Common Stock         |            |   |     |   |          | 53.15  |   |  |
| Class A Common Stock | 04/20/2006 | S | 210 | D | \$ 53.16 | 15,760 | D |  |
| Class A Common Stock | 04/20/2006 | S | 15  | D | \$ 53.17 | 15,745 | D |  |
| Class A Common Stock | 04/20/2006 | S | 90  | D | \$ 53.18 | 15,655 | D |  |
| Class A Common Stock | 04/20/2006 | S | 300 | D | \$ 53.2  | 15,355 | D |  |
| Class A Common Stock | 04/20/2006 | S | 30  | D | \$ 53.21 | 15,325 | 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. 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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 6) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                                      | Amount or Number of Shares   |

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer

Other

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

SVP, Product Mgmt & Marketing

## Signatures

/s/ J. Robert Small,  
Attorney-in-Fact

04/24/2006

\_\_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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