

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 \*  
**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)  
 Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 Chairman and CEO

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**MSC INDUSTRIAL DIRECT CO., INC., 75 MAXESS ROAD**  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**11/19/2004**

**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

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)			
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Class A Common Stock	11/19/2004		S(1)		11,700	D	\$ 36	67,250	I (2)	By foundation
Class A Common Stock	11/19/2004		S(1)		1,200	D	\$ 36.01	66,050	I (3)	By foundation
Class A Common Stock	11/19/2004		S(1)		50	D	\$ 36.02	66,000	I (4)	By foundation
Class A Common Stock	11/19/2004		S(1)		300	D	\$	65,700	I (5)	By

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Common Stock						36.03			foundation
Class A Common Stock	11/19/2004	<u>S</u> (1)	150	D	\$ 36.04	65,550	I (6)		By foundation
Class A Common Stock	11/22/2004	<u>S</u> (1)	42,250	D	\$ 36	23,300	I (7)		By foundation
Class A Common Stock	11/22/2004	<u>S</u> (1)	550	D	\$ 36.01	22,750	I (8)		By foundation
Class A Common Stock	11/22/2004	<u>S</u> (1)	300	D	\$ 36.02	22,450	I (9)		By foundation
Class A Common Stock	11/22/2004	<u>S</u> (1)	500	D	\$ 36.06	21,950	I (10)		By foundation
Class A Common Stock	11/22/2004	<u>S</u> (1)	650	D	\$ 36.07	21,300	I (11)		By foundation
Class A Common Stock	11/22/2004	<u>S</u> (1)	800	D	\$ 36.1	20,500	I (12)		By foundation
Class A Common Stock	11/22/2004	<u>S</u> (1)	2,450	D	\$ 36.11	18,050	I (13)		By foundation
Class A Common Stock	11/22/2004	<u>S</u> (1)	1,000	D	\$ 36.12	17,050	I (14)		By foundation
Class A Common Stock	11/22/2004	<u>S</u> (1)	1,200	D	\$ 36.16	15,850	I (15)		By foundation
Class A Common Stock	11/22/2004	<u>S</u> (1)	100	D	\$ 36.18	15,750	I (16)		By foundation
Class A Common Stock	11/22/2004	<u>S</u> (1)	200	D	\$ 36.19	15,550	I (17)		By foundation
Class A Common Stock						169,669	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 (Instr. 5)
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## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

/s/ J. Robert Small, 11/23/2004  
Attorney-in-Fact

\*\*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 shares were sold by the Jacobson Family Foundation. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares sold by the Jacobson Family Foundation.
- (2) Includes 67,250 shares of Class A Common Stock held by the Jacobson Family Foundation. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares held by the Jacobson Family Foundation.
- (3) Includes 66,050 shares of Class A Common Stock held by the Jacobson Family Foundation. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares held by the Jacobson Family Foundation.
- (4) Includes 66,000 shares of Class A Common Stock held by the Jacobson Family Foundation. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares held by the Jacobson Family Foundation.

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- (5) Includes 65,700 shares of Class A Common Stock held by the Jacobson Family Foundation. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares held by the Jacobson Family Foundation.
- (6) Includes 65,550 shares of Class A Common Stock held by the Jacobson Family Foundation. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares held by the Jacobson Family Foundation.
- (7) Includes 23,300 shares of Class A Common Stock held by the Jacobson Family Foundation. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares held by the Jacobson Family Foundation.
- (8) Includes 22,750 shares of Class A Common Stock held by the Jacobson Family Foundation. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares held by the Jacobson Family Foundation.
- (9) Includes 22,450 shares of Class A Common Stock held by the Jacobson Family Foundation. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares held by the Jacobson Family Foundation.
- (10) Includes 21,950 shares of Class A Common Stock held by the Jacobson Family Foundation. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares held by the Jacobson Family Foundation.
- (11) Includes 21,300 shares of Class A Common Stock held by the Jacobson Family Foundation. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares held by the Jacobson Family Foundation.
- (12) Includes 20,500 shares of Class A Common Stock held by the Jacobson Family Foundation. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares held by the Jacobson Family Foundation.
- (13) Includes 18,050 shares of Class A Common Stock held by the Jacobson Family Foundation. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares held by the Jacobson Family Foundation.
- (14) Includes 17,050 shares of Class A Common Stock held by the Jacobson Family Foundation. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares held by the Jacobson Family Foundation.
- (15) Includes 15,850 shares of Class A Common Stock held by the Jacobson Family Foundation. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares held by the Jacobson Family Foundation.
- (16) Includes 15,750 shares of Class A Common Stock held by the Jacobson Family Foundation. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares held by the Jacobson Family Foundation.
- (17) Includes 15,550 shares of Class A Common Stock held by the Jacobson Family Foundation. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares held by the Jacobson Family Foundation.

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