

MSC INDUSTRIAL DIRECT CO INC
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,
 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section
 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 07/19/2005

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Sr. VP of Sales

(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
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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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value	07/19/2005		M		8,386	A	\$ 13.9375
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value	07/19/2005		S		4,100	D	\$ 35.4
Class A Common Stock	07/19/2005		S		300	D	\$ 35.43

Stock,
\$0.001 par
value

Class A
Common

Stock,	07/19/2005		S	700	D	\$ 35.44	11,129	D
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\$0.001 par
value

Class A
Common

Stock,	07/19/2005		S	3,286	D	\$ 35.5	7,843	D
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\$0.001 par
value

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
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Options (right to buy) ⁽¹⁾	\$ 13.9375	07/19/2005		M	8,386	⁽²⁾ 11/09/2010	See Footnote ⁽³⁾	8,386

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
COX THOMAS				
			Sr. VP of Sales	

Signatures

/s/ Thomas Cox

07/21/2005

**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) Options to purchase Issuer's Class A common stock, \$.001 par value

An option to purchase 50,000 shares of the Issuer's common stock, par value \$.001 per share, was issued to the Reporting person under

(2) the Issuer's 1998 Stock Option Plan. One-fifth of such option became exercisable on each of November 9, 2001, November 9, 2002, November 9, 2003, November 9, 2004. The balance of such option becomes exercisable in one-fifth on November 9, 2005.

(3) Class A Common Stock, \$.001 par value

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