

SANDLER DAVID  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
SANDLER DAVID

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)  
04/09/2010

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
PRESIDENT AND CEO

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				(A) or (D)	Price			
				Code	V	Amount		
Class A Common Stock, \$ 0.001 par value	01/22/2010		G	V	22,348 (1)	D	98,787	D
Class A Common Stock, \$ 0.001 par value	04/09/2010		M		60,220	A	\$ 37.45 159,007	D
	04/09/2010		S		53,202	D	105,805	D

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Class A Common Stock, \$ 0.001 par value					\$ 55.597 <u>(3)</u>			
Class A Common Stock, \$ 0.001 par value	04/09/2010	S	7,018	D	\$ 56.511 <u>(4)</u>	98,787	D	
Class A Common Stock, \$ 0.001 par value	04/12/2010	M	780	A	\$ 37.45	99,567	D	
Class A Common Stock, \$ 0.001 par value	04/12/2010	S	780	D	\$ 55.23	98,787	D	
Class A Common Stock, \$ 0.001 par value						1,000	I	See Footnote <u>(5)</u>
Class A Common Stock, \$ 0.001 par value						22,348	I	See Footnote <u>(6)</u>

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.
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			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Options (right to buy) <u>(7)</u>	\$ 37.45	04/09/2010	M				<u>(8)</u>	10/20/2012	Class A Common Stock, \$ 0.001 par value	60,220
Options (right to buy) <u>(7)</u>	\$ 37.45	04/12/2010	M				<u>(8)</u>	10/20/2012	Class A Common Stock, \$ 0.001 par value	780

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SANDLER DAVID C/O MSC INDUSTRIAL DIRECT CO., INC. 75 MAXESS ROAD MELVILLE, NY 11747	X		PRESIDENT AND CEO	

## Signatures

/s/ David Sandler, by Shelley Boxer as  
attorney-in-fact

04/13/2010

  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) Represents shares transferred on January 22, 2010 to a grantor retained annuity trust ("GRAT"), of which the Reporting Person's spouse is a trustee. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares, except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.
- (2) Not applicable.
- (3) Represents the sale of 53,202 shares in 71 separate transactions, ranging from \$55.40 to \$56.39 per share, resulting in a weighted average sale price per share of \$55.597. 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.
- (4) Represents the sale of 7,018 shares in 42 separate transactions, ranging from \$56.40 to \$56.97 per share, resulting in a weighted average sale price per share of \$56.511. 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.
- (5) These shares are held in trust for the benefit of the Reporting Person's children.
- (6) Represents shares held in a GRAT of which the Reporting Person's spouse is a trustee.
- (7) Represents options to purchase the Issuer's Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value ("Common Stock").
- (8) An option to purchase 61,000 shares of the Issuer's Common Stock was issued to the Reporting Person under the Issuer's 2001 Stock Option Plan. One-fourth of such option became exercisable on each of October 21, 2006, October 21, 2007, October 21, 2008 and October 21, 2009.

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