

BOEHLKE CHARLES A JR  
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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 \*  
BOEHLKE CHARLES A JR

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
10/26/2010

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
EXECUTIVE VP AND CFO

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

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
|  |                                      |  | Code                           | V Amount (D) Price  |   |  |  |
| Class A Common Stock, \$ 0.001 par value | 10/26/2010                           |  | M                              | 23,640 A \$ 42.78   | 90,583  | D  |  |
| Class A Common Stock, \$ 0.001 par value | 10/26/2010                           |  | M                              | 20,000 A \$ 38.07   | 110,583   | D  |  |
|  | 10/26/2010                           |  | S                              | 43,196 D  | 67,387  | D  |  |

Class A  
Common  
Stock, \$  
0.001 par  
value

\$  
58.2513  
(1)

Class A  
Common  
Stock, \$ 10/26/2010 S 444 D 58.6019 66,943 D  
0.001 par  
value

\$  
58.6019 66,943 D  
(2)

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) <u>(3)</u>          | \$ 42.78   | 10/26/2010                           |  | M                              | 23,640  | <u>(4)</u> 10/15/2013                                    | Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value                       | 23,640                        |
| Options (right to buy) <u>(3)</u>          | \$ 38.07   | 10/26/2010                           |  | M                              | 20,000  | <u>(5)</u> 10/15/2015                                    | Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value                       | 20,000                        |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships |           |                      |       |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|----------------------|-------|
|                                | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer              | Other |
|                                | X             |           | EXECUTIVE VP AND CFO |       |

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## Signatures

/s/ Charles

Boehlke

10/26/2010

\*\*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).

Represents the sale of 43,196 shares in 85 separate transactions, ranging from \$57.59 to \$58.57 per share, resulting in a weighted average sale price per share of \$58.2513. 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.

Represents the sale of 444 shares in 4 separate transactions, ranging from \$58.59 to \$58.63 per share, resulting in a weighted average sale price per share of \$58.6019. 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.

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

An option to purchase 42,000 shares of the Issuer's Common Stock was issued to the Reporting Person under the Issuer's 2005 Omnibus Equity Plan. 10,500 shares of Common Stock became exercisable on each of October 16, 2007, October 16, 2008, October 16, 2009 and October 16, 2010.

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 16, 2009 and October 16, 2010, and an additional 10,000 shares of Common Stock become exercisable on each of October 16, 2011 and October 16, 2012.

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