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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 *
 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)
 C/O MSC INDUSTRIAL DIRECT CO INC, 75 MAXESS RD
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 11/02/2004

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 President & COO

MELVILLE, NY 11747

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value	11/02/2004		M		7,026	A	\$ 7.75
					30,328		
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value	11/02/2004		M		33,000	A	\$ 14.5
					63,328		
	11/02/2004		S		12,386	D	\$ 33
					50,942		

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Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value ⁽⁵⁾							
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value ⁽⁵⁾	11/02/2004	S	354	D	\$ 33.01	50,588	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value ⁽⁵⁾	11/02/2004	S	152	D	\$ 33.02	50,436	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value ⁽⁵⁾	11/02/2004	S	202	D	\$ 33.03	50,234	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value ⁽⁵⁾	11/02/2004	S	101	D	\$ 33.04	50,133	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value ⁽⁵⁾	11/02/2004	S	329	D	\$ 33.05	49,804	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value ⁽⁵⁾	11/02/2004	S	303	D	\$ 33.07	49,501	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value ⁽⁵⁾	11/02/2004	S	480	D	\$ 33.09	49,021	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value ⁽⁵⁾	11/02/2004	S	758	D	\$ 33.1	48,263	D
	11/02/2004	S	152	D		48,111	D

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Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value ⁽⁵⁾					\$ 33.11		
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value ⁽⁵⁾	11/02/2004	S	101	D	\$ 33.15	48,010	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value ⁽⁵⁾	11/02/2004	S	25	D	\$ 33.16	47,985	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value ⁽⁵⁾	11/02/2004	S	76	D	\$ 33.19	47,909	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value ⁽⁵⁾	11/02/2004	S	177	D	\$ 33.2	47,732	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value ⁽⁵⁾	11/02/2004	S	152	D	\$ 33.21	47,580	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.01 par value	11/02/2004	S	51	D	\$ 33.22	47,529	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value ⁽⁵⁾	11/02/2004	S	101	D	\$ 33.23	47,428	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value ⁽⁵⁾	11/02/2004	S	101	D	\$ 33.24	47,327	D
	11/02/2004	S	253	D		47,074	D

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Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value ⁽⁵⁾					\$ 33.25		
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value ⁽⁵⁾	11/02/2004	S	101	D	\$ 33.26	46,973	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value ⁽⁵⁾	11/02/2004	S	177	D	\$ 33.27	46,796	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value ⁽⁵⁾	11/02/2004	S	76	D	\$ 33.28	46,720	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value ⁽⁵⁾	11/02/2004	S	101	D	\$ 33.29	46,619	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value ⁽⁵⁾	11/02/2004	S	253	D	\$ 33.35	46,366	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value ⁽⁵⁾	11/02/2004	S	2,351	D	\$ 33.4	44,015	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value ⁽⁵⁾	11/02/2004	S	177	D	\$ 33.43	43,838	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value ⁽⁵⁾	11/02/2004	S	607	D	\$ 33.45	43,231	D
	11/02/2004	S	2,300	D	\$ 33.5	40,931	D

Class A
Common
Stock,
\$0.001 par
value ⁽⁵⁾

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) ⁽¹⁾	\$ 7.75	11/02/2004		M	7,026	⁽²⁾ 10/19/2009	See Footnote ⁽⁴⁾	7,026
Options (right to buy) ⁽¹⁾	\$ 14.5	11/02/2004		M	33,000	⁽³⁾ 09/21/2001	See Footnote ⁽⁴⁾	33,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SANDLER DAVID C/O MSC INDUSTRIAL DIRECT CO INC 75 MAXESS RD MELVILLE, NY 11747	X		President & COO	

Signatures

/s/ David
Sandler

11/03/2004

**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

(2) An option to purchase 200,000 shares of the Issuer's common stock, par value \$.001 per share, was issued to the Reporting person under the Issuer's 1998 Stock Option Plan. One-fifth of such option became exercisable on each of October 19, 2000, October 19, 2001, October 19, 2002, October 19, 2003 and October 19, 2004.

(3) An option to purchase 175,000 shares of the Issuer's common stock, par value \$.001 per share, was issued to the Reporting person under the Issuer's 2001 Stock Option Plan. One fifth of such option became exercisable on each of September 21, 2002, September 21, 2003 and September 21, 2004. The balance of such option becomes exercisable in one fifth on each of September 21, 2005 and September 21, 2006.

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

(5) Because the SEC's electronic filing system does not allow for the disclosure of more than 30 transactions on one Form 4, the Reporting Person is filing 3 simultaneous Form 4's to report his reportable transactions all of which together shall be deemed a single report filed on this date. This is the 1st Form 4 of the 3 filings.

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