

GERSHWIND ERIK  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
GERSHWIND ERIK

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)  
01/21/2011

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
EVP & CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER

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) |
|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
|  |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Price   |  |  |
| Class A Common Stock, \$ 0.001 par value | 01/21/2011                           |  | S                              | 1,650   | D   | \$ 59.8059   | 139,070 D                                  |
|  |                                      |  |                                |   | (1)   |  |  |
| Class A Common Stock, \$ 0.001 par value | 01/24/2011                           |  | S                              | 3,500   | D   | \$ 59.6934   | 135,570 D                                  |
|  |                                      |  |                                |   | (2)   |  |  |

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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 Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|---|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                                      | Amount or Number of Shares  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                                  |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|----------------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                          | Other |
| GERSHWIND ERIK<br>C/O MSC INDUSTRIAL DIRECT CO.,<br>INC.<br>75 MAXESS ROAD<br>MELVILLE, NY 11747 | X             |           | EVP & CHIEF OPERATING<br>OFFICER |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Erik  
Gershwind 01/25/2011

\*\*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 the sale of 1,650 shares in 27 separate transactions, ranging from \$59.63 to \$60.00 per share, resulting in a weighted average sale price per share of \$59.8059. 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.
  - (2) Represents the sale of 3,500 shares in 34 separate transactions, ranging from \$59.55 to \$59.90 per share, resulting in a weighted average sale price per share of \$59.6934. 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.

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