MSC INDUSTRIAL DIRECT CO INC Form SC TO-C July 06, 2016

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE TO

Tender Offer Statement under Section 14(d)(1) or 13(e)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

MSC Industrial Direct Co., Inc.

(Name of Subject Company (Issuer) and Filing Person (Offeror))

Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value

(Title of Class of Securities)

553530106

(CUSIP Number of Class of Securities)

Steve Armstrong

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"Rule 13e-4(i) (Cross-Border Issuer Tender Offer)

"Rule 14d-1(d) (Cross-Border Third Party Tender Offer)

This Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO relates solely to preliminary communications made before the commencement of a tender offer by MSC Industrial Direct Co., Inc. (the "Company") for up to \$300 million of the Company's Class A common stock.

Additional Information Regarding the Planned Tender Offer

This communication is for informational purposes only and is not an offer to buy or the solicitation of an offer to sell any shares of the Company's Class A common stock. The planned tender offer described in this communication has not yet commenced and there can be no assurance that the Company will commence the tender offer on the terms described in this communication or at all. The tender offer to buy the Company's Class A common stock will only be made pursuant to an Offer to Purchase, Letter of Transmittal and related materials that the Company expects to send to its shareholders and file with the Securities and Exchange Commission upon commencement of the tender offer. SHAREHOLDERS ARE URGED TO CAREFULLY READ THE OFFER TO PURCHASE, LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL AND RELATED MATERIALS WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION, INCLUDING THE VARIOUS TERMS OF, AND CONDITIONS TO, THE TENDER OFFER, THAT SHAREHOLDERS SHOULD CONSIDER BEFORE MAKING ANY DECISION REGARDING TENDERING THEIR SHARES. Once the tender offer is commenced, shareholders will be able to obtain a free copy of the tender offer statement on Schedule TO, the Offer to Purchase, Letter of Transmittal and other documents that the Company expects to file with the Securities and Exchange Commission at the Company's may also obtain a copy of these documents from the Company's information agent, Georgeson LLC, by calling toll-free at 800-248-7690.

Item 12. Exhibits.

Exhibit Number Description

99.1 Transcript of the Company's Third Quarter Earnings Call dated July 6, 2016