

MSC INDUSTRIAL DIRECT CO INC  
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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 \*  
 ECCLESTON THOMAS

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)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)

VP OF FACILITIES & SECRETARY

C/O MSC INDUSTRIAL DIRECT CO INC, 75 MAXESS RD

(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

MLEVILLE, 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code	V	Amount	
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value	11/02/2004		M	1,062 A	\$ 7.75	1,702	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value	11/02/2004		M	3,200 A	\$ 14.5	4,902	D
	11/02/2004		S	1,319 D	\$ 33	3,583	D

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Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value <sup>(5)</sup>								
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value <sup>(5)</sup>	11/02/2004	S	38	D	\$ 33.01	3,545		D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value <sup>(5)</sup>	11/02/2004	S	16	D	\$ 33.02	3,529		D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value <sup>(5)</sup>	11/02/2004	S	22	D	\$ 33.03	3,507		D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value <sup>(5)</sup>	11/02/2004	S	11	D	\$ 33.04	3,496		D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value <sup>(5)</sup>	11/02/2004	S	35	D	\$ 33.05	3,461		D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value <sup>(5)</sup>	11/02/2004	S	32	D	\$ 33.07	3,429		D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value <sup>(5)</sup>	11/02/2004	S	51	D	\$ 33.09	3,378		D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value <sup>(5)</sup>	11/02/2004	S	81	D	\$ 33.1	3,297		D
	11/02/2004	S	16	D		3,281		D

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Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value <sup>(5)</sup>					\$			
					33.11			
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value <sup>(5)</sup>	11/02/2004	S	11	D	\$	33.15	3,270	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value <sup>(5)</sup>	11/02/2004	S	3	D	\$	33.16	3,267	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value <sup>(5)</sup>	11/02/2004	S	8	D	\$	33.19	3,259	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value <sup>(5)</sup>	11/02/2004	S	19	D	\$	33.2	3,240	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value <sup>(5)</sup>	11/02/2004	S	16	D	\$	33.21	3,224	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value <sup>(5)</sup>	11/02/2004	S	5	D	\$	33.22	3,219	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value <sup>(5)</sup>	11/02/2004	S	11	D	\$	33.23	3,208	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value <sup>(5)</sup>	11/02/2004	S	11	D	\$	33.24	3,197	D
	11/02/2004	S	27	D			3,170	D

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Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value <sup>(5)</sup>					\$			
					33.25			
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value <sup>(5)</sup>	11/02/2004	S	11	D	\$	33.26	3,159	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value <sup>(5)</sup>	11/02/2004	S	19	D	\$	33.27	3,140	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value <sup>(5)</sup>	11/02/2004	S	8	D	\$	33.28	3,132	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value <sup>(5)</sup>	11/02/2004	S	11	D	\$	33.29	3,121	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value <sup>(5)</sup>	11/02/2004	S	25	D	\$	33.35	3,096	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value <sup>(5)</sup>	11/02/2004	S	250	D	\$	33.4	2,846	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value <sup>(5)</sup>	11/02/2004	S	19	D	\$	33.43	2,827	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value <sup>(5)</sup>	11/02/2004	S	65	D	\$	33.45	2,762	D
	11/02/2004	S	245	D	\$	33.5	2,517	D

Class A  
Common  
Stock,  
\$0.001 par  
value <sup>(5)</sup>

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. P... Der... Sec... (Ins...)	
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
						Code	V	(A)	(D)
Options (right to buy) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 7.75	11/02/2004		M	1,062	<sup>(2)</sup>	10/19/2009	See Footnote <sup>(4)</sup>	1,062
Options (right to buy) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 14.5	11/02/2004		M	3,200	<sup>(3)</sup>	09/21/2011	See Footnote <sup>(4)</sup>	3,200

## Reporting Owners

### Reporting Owner Name / Address

### Relationships

Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

ECCLESTON THOMAS  
C/O MSC INDUSTRIAL DIRECT CO INC  
75 MAXESS RD  
MLEVILLE, NY 11747

VP OF FACILITIES & SECRETARY

## Signatures

/s/ Thomas  
Eccleston

11/04/2004

Date

\_\_Signature of  
Reporting Person

## 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 16,000 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 16,000 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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