

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 04/16/2008

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 VP, Plt. & Equip. & Secy.

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  
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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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value	04/16/2008		M	1,400 A	\$ 23.41 5,740	D	
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value	04/16/2008		M	1,250 A	\$ 32.4 6,990	D	
	04/16/2008		S	1,150 D	\$ 46 5,840	D	

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Class A  
Common  
Stock,  
\$0.001 par  
value

Class A  
Common  
Stock,  
\$0.001 par  
value

04/16/2008 S 500 D \$ 46.08 5,340 D

Class A  
Common  
Stock,  
\$0.001 par  
value

04/16/2008 S 400 D \$ 46.06 4,940 D

Class A  
Common  
Stock,  
\$0.001 par  
value

04/16/2008 S 100 D \$ 46.05 4,840 D

Class A  
Common  
Stock,  
\$0.001 par  
value

04/16/2008 S 500 D \$ 46.09 4,340 D

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 or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
	\$ 23.41	04/16/2008		M	1,400	(2) 10/19/2013	1,400	

Options (right to buy) <u>(1)</u>							See footnote <u>(4)</u>	
Options (right to buy) <u>(1)</u>	\$ 32.4	04/16/2008	M	1,250	<u>(3)</u>	10/25/2011	See footnote <u>(4)</u>	1,250

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ECCLESTON THOMAS C/O MSC INDUSTRIAL DIRECT CO., INC. 75 MAXESS ROAD MELVILLE, NY 11747			VP, Plt. & Equip. & Secy.	

## Signatures

/s/ Thomas  
Eccleston

04/17/2008

\_\_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, \$0.001 par value per share ("Common Stock").  
An option to purchase 7,000 shares of Common Stock was issued to the Reporting Person under the Issuer's 2001 Stock Option Plan.
- (2) One-fifth became exercisable on each of October 20, 2004, October 20, 2005, October 20, 2006 and October 20, 2007. The balance of such option becomes exercisable in one-fifth on October 20, 2008.  
An option to purchase 5,000 shares of Common Stock was issued to the Reporting Person under the Issuer's 2001 Stock Option Plan.
- (3) One-fourth became exercisable on each of October 26, 2005, October 26, 2006 and October 26, 2007. The balance of such option becomes exercisable in one-fourth on October 26, 2008.
- (4) Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value per share.

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