

MSC INDUSTRIAL DIRECT CO INC  
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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 \*  
**BOEHLKE CHARLES A JR**

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)  
**04/18/2006**

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
**Executive Vice President & CFO**

**C/O MSC INDUSTRIAL DIRECT CO INC, 75 MAXES ROAD**

(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

**MELVILLE, 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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Class A Common Stock, \$.001 par value	04/18/2006		M	14,000	A \$ 18.6875	46,339	D
Class A Common Stock, \$.001 par value	04/18/2006		S	300	D \$ 52.21	46,039	D
	04/18/2006		S	6,700	D \$ 52.22	39,339	D

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Class A Common Stock, \$.001 par value							
Class A Common Stock, \$.001 par value	04/18/2006	S	1,700	D	\$ 52.23	37,639	D
Class A Common Stock, \$.001 par value	04/18/2006	S	200	D	\$ 52.24	37,439	D
Class A Common Stock, \$.001 par value	04/18/2006	S	400	D	\$ 52.25	37,039	D
Class A Common Stock, \$.001 par value	04/18/2006	S	3,700	D	\$ 52.26	33,339	D
Class A Common Stock, \$.001 par value	04/18/2006	S	200	D	\$ 52.29	33,139	D
Class A Common Stock, \$.001 par value	04/18/2006	S	100	D	\$ 52.3	33,039	D
Class A Common Stock, \$.001 par value	04/18/2006	S	100	D	\$ 52.31	32,939	D
Class A Common Stock, \$.001 par value	04/18/2006	S	600	D	\$ 52.33	32,339	D

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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. Amount or Number of Shares
Options (right to buy) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 18.6875	04/18/2006		M	14,000	<sup>(2)</sup> 06/19/2010	See Footnote <sup>(3)</sup>	14,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BOEHLKE CHARLES A JR C/O MSC INDUSTRIAL DIRECT CO INC 75 MAXES ROAD MELVILLE, NY 11747	X		Executive Vice President & CFO	

## Signatures

/s/ Charles A.  
Boehlke Jr. 04/18/2006

\*\*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

An option to purchase 125,000 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 June 19, 2001, June 19, 2002, June 19, 2003, June 19, 2004, and June 19, 2005.

(3) Class A common stock, \$.001 par value

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