

MSC INDUSTRIAL DIRECT CO INC  
 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 MARJORIE**

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)  
**11/23/2004**

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

**C/O MSC INDUSTRIAL DIRECT CO., INC., 75 MAXESS 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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Class A Common Stock	11/23/2004		S(1)	22,892 D	\$ 36 32,658	I (2)	By foundation
Class A Common Stock	11/23/2004		S(1)	547 D	\$ 36.01 32,111	I (2)	By foundation
Class A Common Stock	11/23/2004		S(1)	3,047 D	\$ 36.03 29,064	I (2)	By foundation
Class A Common Stock	11/23/2004		S(1)	1,406 D	\$ 27,658	I (2)	By

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Common Stock						36.04			foundation
Class A Common Stock	11/23/2004	<u>S(1)</u>	469	D	\$ 36.05	27,189		<u>I (2)</u>	By foundation
Class A Common Stock	11/23/2004	<u>S(1)</u>	156	D	\$ 36.06	27,033		<u>I (2)</u>	By foundation
Class A Common Stock	11/23/2004	<u>S(1)</u>	391	D	\$ 36.07	26,642		<u>I (2)</u>	By foundation
Class A Common Stock	11/23/2004	<u>S(1)</u>	313	D	\$ 36.08	26,329		<u>I (2)</u>	By foundation
Class A Common Stock	11/23/2004	<u>S(1)</u>	859	D	\$ 36.09	25,470		<u>I (2)</u>	By foundation
Class A Common Stock	11/23/2004	<u>S(1)</u>	2,813	D	\$ 36.1	22,657		<u>I (2)</u>	By foundation
Class A Common Stock	11/23/2004	<u>S(1)</u>	625	D	\$ 36.11	22,032		<u>I (2)</u>	By foundation
Class A Common Stock	11/23/2004	<u>S(1)</u>	547	D	\$ 36.12	21,485		<u>I (2)</u>	By foundation
Class A Common Stock	11/23/2004	<u>S(1)</u>	1,563	D	\$ 36.13	19,922		<u>I (2)</u>	By foundation
Class A Common Stock	11/23/2004	<u>S(1)</u>	156	D	\$ 36.14	19,766		<u>I (2)</u>	By foundation
Class A Common Stock	11/23/2004	<u>S(1)</u>	78	D	\$ 36.15	19,688		<u>I (2)</u>	By foundation
Class A Common Stock	11/23/2004	<u>S(1)</u>	3,672	D	\$ 36.16	16,016		<u>I (2)</u>	By foundation
Class A Common Stock	11/23/2004	<u>S(1)</u>	703	D	\$ 36.17	15,313		<u>I (2)</u>	By foundation
Class A Common Stock	11/23/2004	<u>S(1)</u>	234	D	\$ 36.18	15,079		<u>I (2)</u>	By foundation

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Class A Common Stock	11/23/2004	S <sup>(1)</sup>	78	D	\$ 36.19	15,001	I <sup>(2)</sup>	By foundation
Class A Common Stock	11/23/2004	S <sup>(1)</sup>	781	D	\$ 36.2	14,220	I <sup>(2)</sup>	By foundation
Class A Common Stock	11/23/2004	S <sup>(1)</sup>	234	D	\$ 36.21	13,986	I <sup>(2)</sup>	By foundation
Class A Common Stock	11/23/2004	S <sup>(1)</sup>	781	D	\$ 36.22	13,205	I <sup>(2)</sup>	By foundation
Class A Common Stock	11/23/2004	S <sup>(1)</sup>	156	D	\$ 36.23	13,049	I <sup>(2)</sup>	By foundation
Class A Common Stock	11/23/2004	S <sup>(1)</sup>	313	D	\$ 36.24	12,736	I <sup>(2)</sup>	By foundation
Class A Common Stock	11/23/2004	S <sup>(1)</sup>	2,813	D	\$ 36.25	9,923	I <sup>(2)</sup>	By foundation
Class A Common Stock	11/23/2004	S <sup>(1)</sup>	1,094	D	\$ 36.26	8,829	I <sup>(2)</sup>	By foundation
Class A Common Stock	11/23/2004	S <sup>(1)</sup>	1,719	D	\$ 36.27	7,110	I <sup>(2)</sup>	By foundation
Class A Common Stock	11/23/2004	S <sup>(1)</sup>	938	D	\$ 36.28	6,172	I <sup>(2)</sup>	By foundation
Class A Common Stock	11/23/2004	S <sup>(1)</sup>	2,813	D	\$ 36.29	3,359	I <sup>(2)</sup>	By foundation

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	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying	8. Price of Derivative Security	9. Nu Deriv Secur
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 5)	Bene- ficial Own- er Follo- wing Repo- sition Trans- action (Instr.			
			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 MARJORIE  
C/O MSC INDUSTRIAL DIRECT CO., INC.  
75 MAXESS ROAD  
MELVILLE, NY 11747

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## Signatures

/s/ J. Robert Small,  
Attorney-in-Fact

11/24/2004

\_\_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) The shares were sold by the Gershwind Family Foundation. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of shares sold by the Gershwind Family Foundation.
- (2) All such shares of Class A Common Stock are held by the Gershwind Family Foundation. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of shares held by the Gershwind Family Foundation.

**Remarks:**

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