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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 *
Armstrong Steve

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, GEN. COUNSEL & CORP. SECY.

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)

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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code	V	Amount	
Class A Common Stock, \$ 0.001 par value	10/19/2010		A	2,292 (1)	A \$ 0	8,010	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)
Options (right to buy) ⁽²⁾	\$ 54.52	10/19/2010		A	16,371	⁽³⁾ 10/19/2017	Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Armstrong Steve
C/O MSC INDUSTRIAL DIRECT CO.,
INC.
75 MAXESS ROAD
MELVILLE, NY 11747

Director 10% Owner Officer

VP, GEN. COUNSEL & CORP.
SECY.

Other

Signatures

/s/ Steve
Armstrong 10/21/2010

__Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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These shares were granted under the Issuer's 2005 Omnibus Equity Plan, and are subject to restrictions on transfer that terminate as

(1) follows: one-half of such shares may be sold on or after October 19, 2013, an additional one-quarter may be sold on or after October 19, 2014 and an additional one-quarter may be sold on or after October 19, 2015.

(2) Represents options to purchase the Issuer's Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value ("Common Stock").

An option to purchase 16,371 shares of the Issuer's Common Stock was issued to the Reporting Person under the Issuer's 2005 Omnibus

(3) Equity Plan. 4,092 shares of Common Stock become exercisable on October 19, 2011 and an additional 4,093 shares of Common Stock become exercisable on each of October 19, 2012, October 19, 2013 and October 19, 2014.

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