

SANDLER DAVID  
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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 \*  
SANDLER DAVID

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)  
10/26/2010

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
PRESIDENT AND CEO

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			
				Code	V	Amount		
Class A Common Stock, \$ 0.001 par value	10/26/2010		M	66,638	A	\$ 42.78	160,954	D
Class A Common Stock, \$ 0.001 par value	10/26/2010		S	66,196	D	\$ 58.258	94,758	D
	10/26/2010		S	442	D		94,316	D

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Class A Common Stock, \$ 0.001 par value	\$ 58.602 <u>(2)</u>			
Class A Common Stock, \$ 0.001 par value		1,000	I	See Footnote <u>(3)</u>
Class A Common Stock, \$ 0.001 par value		22,348	I	See Footnote <u>(4)</u>

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	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	
Options (right to buy) <u>(5)</u>	\$ 42.78	10/26/2010		M	66,638	<u>(6)</u>	10/16/2013	Class A Common Stock, \$.001 par value	66,638

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
X		PRESIDENT AND CEO	

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

## Signatures

/s/ David Sandler, by Steve Armstrong as  
attorney-in-fact

10/27/2010

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

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

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

(1) Represents the sale of 66,196 shares in 87 separate transactions, ranging from \$57.59 to \$58.57 per share, resulting in a weighted average sale price per share of \$58.258. The Reporting Person undertakes to provide upon request by the SEC staff, the Issuer, or a security holder of the Issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range.

(2) Represents the sale of 442 shares in 4 separate transactions, ranging from \$58.59 to \$58.63 per share, resulting in a weighted average sale price per share of \$58.602. The Reporting Person undertakes to provide upon request by the SEC staff, the Issuer, or a security holder of the Issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range.

(3) These shares are held in trust for the benefit of the Reporting Person's children.

(4) Represents shares held in a grantor retained annuity trust of which the Reporting Person's spouse is a trustee.

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

(6) An option to purchase 130,000 shares of the Issuer's Common Stock was issued to the Reporting Person under the Issuer's 2005 Omnibus Equity Plan. 32,500 shares of Common Stock became exercisable on each of October 16, 2007, October 16, 2008, October 16, 2009 and October 16, 2010.

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