

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 \*  
**COX 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)  
**01/24/2008**

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Executive VP, Sales

**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  
 \_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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, \$0.001 par value	01/24/2008		M	1,000	A \$ 13.9375	26,126	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value	01/24/2008		F	364	D \$ 38.26	25,762	D

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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>	\$ 13.9375	01/24/2008		M	1,000	<sup>(2)</sup> 11/09/2010	Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value per share.	1,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
COX THOMAS C/O MSC INDUSTRIAL DIRECT CO., INC. 75 MAXESS ROAD MELVILLE, NY 11747			Executive VP, Sales	

## Signatures

/s/ Thomas Cox 01/28/2008

\*\*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").
- (2) An option to purchase 50,000 shares of the Issuer's Common Stock was issued to the Reporting Person under the Issuer's 1998 Stock Option Plan. One-fifth became exercisable on each of November 9, 2001, November 9, 2002, November 9, 2003, November 9, 2004 and

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November 9, 2005.

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