

COX THOMAS
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FORM 4

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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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
04/13/2011

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
EXECUTIVE VP, SALES

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	04/13/2011		M	A	\$ 48.21	32,196	D
Class A Common Stock, \$ 0.001 par value	04/13/2011		S	D	\$ 70.357	22,196	D
					(1)		

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An option to purchase 40,000 shares of the Issuer's Common Stock was issued to the Reporting Person under the Issuer's 2005 Omnibus Equity Plan. 10,000 shares of Common Stock became exercisable on each of October 18, 2008, October 18, 2009 and October 18, 2010, and an additional 10,000 shares will become exercisable on October 18, 2011.

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