

MSC INDUSTRIAL DIRECT CO INC
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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 *
JACOBSON MITCHELL

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)
 Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 Chairman and CEO

(Last) (First) (Middle)
MSC INDUSTRIAL DIRECT CO., INC., 75 MAXESS ROAD
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
11/17/2004

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| Class A Common Stock | 11/17/2004 | | C | 100,000 | A \$ 0 | 269,669 | D ⁽¹⁾ |
| Class A Common Stock | 11/17/2004 | | G | 100,000 | D \$ 0 | 169,669 | D |
| Class A Common Stock | 11/18/2004 | | S ⁽²⁾ | 21,050 | D \$ 36.11 | 78,950 | I ⁽³⁾ 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 (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 |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Class B Common Stock | (4) | 11/17/2004 | | C | 100,000 | (5) (5) | Class A Common Stock | 100,000 |
| Class B Common Stock | (4) | | | | | (5) (5) | Class A Common Stock | 0 |
| Class B Common Stock | (4) | | | | | (5) (5) | Class A Common Stock | 0 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| JACOBSON MITCHELL MSC INDUSTRIAL DIRECT CO., INC. 75 MAXESS ROAD MELVILLE, NY 11747 | X | X | Chairman and CEO | |

Signatures

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

11/19/2004

**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 of Class A Common Stock reported as being acquired by the Reporting Person on this report were acquired upon conversion of Class B Common Stock held by the Reporting Person.

(2)

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The shares were sold by the Jacobson Family Foundation. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares held by the Jacobson Family Foundation.

- (3) Includes 78,950 shares of Class A Common Stock held by the Jacobson Family Foundation. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares held by the Jacobson Family Foundation.
- (4) The Class B Common Stock is convertible into Class A Common Stock on a one-for-one basis.
- (5) The Class B Common Stock is immediately convertible into Class A Common Stock and does not expire.
- (6) Includes 169,561 shares of Class B Common Stock as Settlor of the Mitchell Jacobson 1998 Qualified Seven Year Annuity Trust. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares held by the Mitchell Jacobson 1998 Qualified Seven Year Annuity Trust.
- (7) Includes 156,142 shares of Class B Common Stock as Trustee of the Marjorie Diane Gershwind 1998 Qualified Seven Year Annuity Trust. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares held by the Marjorie Diane Gershwind 1998 Qualified Seven Year Annuity Trust

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