

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 \*  
**BOXER SHELLEY**

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)  
**01/10/2005**

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Vice President of Finance

**C/O MSC INDUSTRIAL DIRECT CO INC, 75 MAXESS RD**

(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

**MLEVILLE, 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	01/10/2005		M	9,000	A	\$ 14.25	16,651	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value	01/10/2005		M	7,000	A	\$ 14.5	23,651	D
	01/10/2005		M	4,000	A		27,651	D

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Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value					\$	13.9375	
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value	01/10/2005	S	300	D	\$ 33.09	27,351	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value	01/10/2005	S	4,300	D	\$ 33.1	23,051	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value	01/10/2005	S	500	D	\$ 33.11	22,551	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value	01/10/2005	S	400	D	\$ 33.12	22,151	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value	01/10/2005	S	100	D	\$ 33.14	22,051	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value	01/10/2005	S	200	D	\$ 33.15	21,851	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value	01/10/2005	S	400	D	\$ 33.2	21,451	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value	01/10/2005	S	100	D	\$ 33.23	21,351	D
	01/10/2005	S	200	D	\$ 33.24	21,151	D

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Class A  
Common  
Stock,  
\$0.001 par  
value

Class A  
Common  
Stock,  
\$0.001 par  
value

01/10/2005

S 400 D \$ 33.25 20,751 D

Class A  
Common  
Stock,  
\$0.001 par  
value

01/10/2005

S 100 D \$ 33.32 20,651 D

Class A  
Common  
Stock,  
\$0.001 par  
value

01/10/2005

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Stock,  
\$0.001 par  
value

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S 700 D \$ 33.34 19,851 D

Class A  
Common  
Stock,  
\$0.001 par  
value

01/10/2005

S 2,400 D \$ 33.35 17,451 D

Class A  
Common  
Stock,  
\$0.001 par  
value

01/10/2005

S 2,500 D \$ 33.36 14,951 D

Class A  
Common  
Stock,  
\$0.001 par  
value

01/10/2005

S 600 D \$ 33.37 14,351 D

Class A  
Common  
Stock,  
\$0.001 par  
value

01/10/2005

S 6,600 D \$ 33.38 7,751 D

01/10/2005

S 100 D \$ 33.39 7,651 D

Class A  
Common  
Stock,  
\$0.001 par  
value

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. P... Der... Sec... (Ins...	
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
						Code	V	(A)	(D)
Options (right to buy) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 14.25	01/10/2005		M	9,000	<sup>(2)</sup>	10/14/2008	See Footnote <sup>(5)</sup>	9,000
Options (right to buy) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 14.5	01/10/2005		M	7,000	<sup>(3)</sup>	09/21/2011	See Footnote <sup>(5)</sup>	7,000
Options (right to buy) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 13.9375	01/10/2005		M	4,000	<sup>(4)</sup>	11/09/2010	See Footnote <sup>(5)</sup>	4,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BOXER SHELLEY C/O MSC INDUSTRIAL DIRECT CO INC 75 MAXESS RD MLEVILLE, NY 11747			Vice President of Finance	

## Signatures

/s/ Shelley M.  
Boxer

01/12/2005

\_\_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, \$.001 par value

An option to purchase 75,000 shares of the Issuer's common stock, par value \$.001 per share, was issued to the Reporting person under the Issuer's 1998 Stock Option Plan. One-fifth of such option became exercisable on each of October 14, 1999, October 14, 2000, October 14, 2001, October 14, 2002 and October 14, 2003.

(3) An option to purchase 20,000 shares of the Issuer's common stock, par value \$.001 per share, was issued to the Reporting person under the Issuer's 2001 Stock Option Plan. One-fifth of such option became exercisable on each of September 21, 2002, September 21, 2003 and September 21, 2004. The balance of such option becomes exercisable in one-fifth on each of September 21, 2005 and September 21, 2006.

(4) An option to purchase 20,000 shares of the Issuer's common stock, par value \$.001 per share, was issued to the Reporting person under the Issuer's 1998 Stock Option Plan. One-fifth of such option became exercisable on each of November 9, 2001, November 9, 2002, November 9, 2003 and November 9, 2004. The balance of such option becomes exercisable in one-fifth on November 9, 2005.

(5) Class A common stock, \$.001 par value

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