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)

07/26/2005

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)			
(Month/D				Date of Earliest Transaction onth/Day/Year) /26/2005				_X_ Director 10% Owner S Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) President & COO			
				If Amendment, Date Original iled(Month/Day/Year)				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
MELVILLE, NY 11747									More than One Re		
(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Ac						ities Acq	uired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned		
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction D (Month/Day/Yea	ar) Execution	med on Date, if Day/Year)	n Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (A) or		of (D)	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)		
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value	07/26/2005			Code V M	Amount 30,000	A	\$ 19	85,441	D		
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (4)	07/26/2005			S	300	D	\$ 35.02	85,141	D		

S

500

D

84,641

D

Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (4)					\$ 35.03		
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (4)	07/26/2005	S	800	D	\$ 35.04	83,841	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (4)	07/26/2005	S	700	D	\$ 35.05	83,141	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (4)	07/26/2005	S	500	D	\$ 35.06	82,461	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (4)	07/26/2005	S	400	D	\$ 35.07	82,241	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (4)	07/26/2005	S	900	D	\$ 35.08	81,341	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (4)	07/26/2005	S	600	D	\$ 35.09	80,741	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (4)	07/26/2005	S	300	D	\$ 35.1	80,441	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (4)	07/26/2005	S	1,100	D	\$ 35.11	79,341	D
	07/26/2005	S	600	D		78,741	D

Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (4)					\$ 35.12		
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (4)	07/26/2005	S	600	D	\$ 35.13	78,141	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (4)	07/26/2005	S	100	D	\$ 35.14	78,041	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (4)	07/26/2005	S	400	D	\$ 35.15	77,641	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (4)	07/26/2005	S	100	D	\$ 35.16	77,541	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (4)	07/26/2005	S	500	D	\$ 35.17	77,041	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (4)	07/26/2005	S	700	D	\$ 35.18	76,341	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (4)	07/26/2005	S	200	D	\$ 35.19	76,141	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (4)	07/26/2005	S	100	D	\$ 35.2	76,041	D
	07/26/2005	S	1,900	D		74,141	D

Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (4)					\$ 35.21		
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (4)	07/26/2005	S	1,100	D	\$ 35.22	73,041	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (4)	07/26/2005	S	300	D	\$ 35.23	72,741	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (4)	07/26/2005	S	800	D	\$ 35.24	71,941	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (4)	07/26/2005	S	600	D	\$ 35.25	71,341	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (4)	07/26/2005	S	2,000	D	\$ 35.26	69,341	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (4)	07/26/2005	S	100	D	\$ 35.27	69,241	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (4)	07/26/2005	S	400	D	\$ 35.28	68,841	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (4)	07/26/2005	S	800	D	\$ 35.29	68,041	D
	07/26/2005	S	2,200	D	\$ 35.3	65,841	D

Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (4)

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of or Derivative Securities Acquired (A or Disposed (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Options (right to buy) (1)	\$ 19	07/26/2005		M	30,00) (2)	11/19/2007	See Footnote (3)	30,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Othe		
SANDLER DAVID C/O MSC INDUSTRIAL DIRECT CO INC 75 MAXESS RD MELVILLE, NY 11747	X		President & COO			

Signatures

/s/ David Sandler **Signature of Date

**Signature of
Reporting Person

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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 30,000 shares of the Issuer's common stock, par value \$.001 per share, was issued to the Reporting person under
- (2) the Issuer's 1995 Stock Option Plan. One-fifth of such option became exercisable on each of November 19, 1998, November 19, 1999, November 19, 2000, November 19, 2001 and November 19, 2002.
- (3) Class A Common Stock, \$.001 par value
 - Because the SEC's electronic filing system does not allow for the disclosure of more than 30 transactions on one Form 4, the Reporting
- (4) Person is filing 2 simultaneous Form 4's to report his reportable transactions all of which together shall be deemed a single report filed on this date. This is the 1ST Form 4 of the 2 filings.

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