

MSC INDUSTRIAL DIRECT CO INC  
 Form 4  
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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 \*  
 ECCLESTON 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)  
 10/21/2005

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 V.P. of Facilities & Secretary

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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				(A) or (D)	Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

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	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transaction of	5. Number of Derivative	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying	8. P. Der
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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)	Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Sec (Ins)			
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Options (right to buy)	\$ 37.45	10/21/2005	A		5,000		(1)	10/21/2012	See Footnote (2)	5,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ECCLESTON THOMAS C/O MSC INDUSTRIAL DIRECT CO INC 75 MAXESS RD MLEVILLE, NY 11747			V.P. of Facilities & Secretary	

## Signatures

/s/ Thomas  
Eccleston  
Date: 10/25/2005

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

## 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 1,250 shares of Class A Common Stock are exercisable on October 21, 2006, 1,250 shares of Class A Common Stock are exercisable on October 21, 2007, 1,250 shares of Class A Common Stock are exercisable on October 21, 2008 and 1,250 shares of Class A Common Stock are exercisable on October 21, 2009.
- (2) Class A Common Stock, \$.001 par value

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