

MSC INDUSTRIAL DIRECT CO INC

Form 4

July 05, 2006

FORM 4
UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
ECCLESTON THOMAS

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

(Street)

MLEVILLE, NY 11747

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol

**MSC INDUSTRIAL DIRECT CO
INC [MSM]**

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

07/03/2006

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
X Officer (give title ____ Other (specify
below) below)
VP of Plant&Equip & Secretary

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
X Form filed by One Reporting Person
____ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

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)
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value	07/03/2006		M	2,800	A \$ 23.41	5,556	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value	07/03/2006		S	2,800	D \$ 47.47	2,756	D

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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
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Options (right to buy) ⁽¹⁾	\$ 23.41	07/03/2006		M	2,800	<u>(2)</u>	10/19/2013	See Footnote (3)	2,800

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	VP of Plant&Equip & Secretary

Signatures

/s/ Thomas
Eccleston 07/05/2006

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 7,000 shares of the Issuer's common stock, par value \$.001 per share, was issued to the Reporting person under the

(2) Issuer's 2001 Stock Option Plan. One-fifth of such option became exercisable on each of October 20, 2004 and October 20, 2005. The balance of such option becomes exercisable in one-fifth on each of October 20, 2006, October 20, 2007 and October 20, 2008.

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(3) Class A Common Stock, \$.001 par value

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