

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 \*  
**COX 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)  
**04/28/2008**

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Executive VP, Sales

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

(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

**MELVILLE, 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   |  |   |
| Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value | 04/28/2008                           |  | M                              | 3,038   | A \$ 13.9375  | 28,800   | D   |
| Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value | 04/28/2008                           |  | S                              | 538   | D \$ 49.46  | 28,262   | D   |
|   | 04/28/2008                           |  | S                              | 400   | D \$ 49.43  | 27,862   | D   |

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Class A  
Common  
Stock,  
\$0.001 par  
value

Class A  
Common  
Stock,  
\$0.001 par  
value

04/28/2008

S 100 D \$ 49.39 27,762 D

Class A  
Common  
Stock,  
\$0.001 par  
value

04/28/2008

S 300 D \$ 49.38 27,462 D

Class A  
Common  
Stock,  
\$0.001 par  
value

04/28/2008

S 200 D \$ 49.37 27,262 D

Class A  
Common  
Stock,  
\$0.001 par  
value

04/28/2008

S 1,100 D \$ 49.36 26,162 D

Class A  
Common  
Stock,  
\$0.001 par  
value

04/28/2008

S 300 D \$ 49.35 25,862 D

Class A  
Common  
Stock,  
\$0.001 par  
value

04/28/2008

S 100 D \$ 49.34 25,762 D

Class A  
Common  
Stock,  
\$0.001 par  
value

04/29/2008

S 2,275 D \$ 49.13 23,487 D

Class A  
Common  
Stock,  
\$0.001 par  
value

04/29/2008

G 700 D \$ 0 22,787 D



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