

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)  
**C/O MSC INDUSTRIAL DIRECT CO INC, 75 MAXESS ROAD**  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**01/12/2011**

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
**VP, FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING**

**MELVILLE, NY 11747**

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

(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	01/12/2011		M	A	4,500	\$ 42.78	17,380 D
Class A Common Stock, \$ 0.001 par value	01/12/2011		S	D	4,500 (1)	\$ 60.6795	12,880 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. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
Options (right to buy) <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 42.78	01/12/2011		M	4,500	<sup>(3)</sup> 10/15/2013	Class A Common Stock, \$0.01 par value	4,500

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BOXER SHELLEY C/O MSC INDUSTRIAL DIRECT CO INC 75 MAXESS ROAD MELVILLE, NY 11747			VP, FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING	

## Signatures

/s/ Shelley  
Boxer

01/13/2011

\*\*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).

Represents the sale of 4,500 shares in 11 separate transactions, ranging from \$60.5701 to \$60.89 per share, resulting in a weighted average sale price per share of \$60.6795. The Reporting Person undertakes to provide upon request by the SEC staff, the Issuer, or a security holder of the Issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range.

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- (2) Represents options to purchase the Issuer's Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value ("Common Stock).

An option to purchase 9,500 shares of the Issuer's Common Stock was issued to the Reporting Person under the Issuer's 2005 Omnibus

- (3) Equity Plan. 2,375 shares of Common Stock became exercisable on each of October 16, 2007, October 16, 2008, October 16, 2009 and October 16, 2010.

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