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(Print or Type	Responses)										
GERSHWIND ERIK Symbol MSC			Symbol MSC I	INDUSTRIAL DIRECT CO				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
			INC [N	1SMJ							
			e of Earliest Transaction h/Day/Year))/2012				_X_ Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)				
	75 MAXESS RE		01/10/2	2012				Presic	lent and COO		
(Street) 4. If Ame				f Amendment, Date Original d(Month/Day/Year)				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)			
MELVILL	E, NY US 11747							_X_ Form filed by O Form filed by Me Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tab	ole I - Non-	Derivativ	e Secu	rities Acqu	ired, Disposed of,	or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	urity (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if		(A)				5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)			
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value	01/10/2012			S	1,050	D	\$ 73.7076 (1)	30,988	D		
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value	01/10/2012			S	3,699	D	\$ 73.0493 (2)	27,289	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)

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				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
The forming of the Finance Francess	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
GERSHWIND ERIK C/O MSC INDUSTRIAL DIRECT CO., INC. 75 MAXESS RD. MELVILLE, NY US 11747	Х		President and COO				
Signatures							
/s/ Erik Gershwind 01/11/2012							

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

Date

** 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 1050 shares in 23 separate transactions, ranging from \$73.26 to \$74.20 per share, resulting in a weighted average
(1) sale price per share of \$73.7076. 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.

Represents the sale of 3699 shares in 19 separate transactions, ranging from \$73.00 to \$73.24 per share, resulting in a weighted average(2) sale price per share of \$73.0493. 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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**Signature of

Reporting Person

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