

SANDLER DAVID  
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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 \*  
SANDLER DAVID

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)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

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

01/19/2012

Chief Executive Officer

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

MELVILLE, NY US 11747

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value	01/19/2012		M	17,500 A	\$ 38.07	278,950	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value	01/19/2012		S	17,500 D	\$ 76.6533	261,450	D
					(1)	14,850	I

Class A  
Common  
Stock,  
\$0.001 par  
value

See  
footnote  
(2)

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. Amount or Number of Shares
Options (right to buy) <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 38.07	01/19/2012		M	17,500	<sup>(4)</sup> 10/15/2015	Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value	17,500

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SANDLER DAVID C/O MSC INDUSTRIAL DIRECT CO., INC. 75 MAXESS ROAD MELVILLE, NY US 11747	X		Chief Executive Officer	

## Signatures

/s/ David Sandler, by Steve Armstrong as attorney-in-fact

01/20/2012

\*\*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) Represents the sale of 17,500 shares in 51 separate transactions ranging from \$76.50 to \$76.97 per share, resulting in a weighted average sale price per share of \$76.6533. 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.

(2) Represents shares held in a GRAT of which the Reporting Person's spouse is a trustee. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares, except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

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

An option to purchase 150,000 shares of the Issuer's Common Stock was issued to the Reporting Person under the Issuer's 2005 Omnibus Equity Plan. 37,500 shares of Common Stock became exercisable on each of October 16, 2009, October 16, 2010, and October 16, 2011, and an additional 37,500 shares of Common Stock will become exercisable on October 16, 2012.

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