GERSHWIND ERIK

Form 4

January 18, 2011

FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

GERSHWIND ERIK		Symbol MSC INDUSTRIAL DIRECT CO INC [MSM]					Issuer (Check all applicable)				
						CO					
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)		te of Earliest Transaction th/Day/Year)				_X_ Director _X_ Officer (give t	Owner or (specify		
	DUSTRIAL DIR 75 MAXESS RO		01/13/2	2011				below) EVP & CHIEF (below) OPERATING	OFFICER	
			4. If Amendment, Date Original					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
MELVILLE, NY 11747		Filed(Month/Day/Year)					Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tak	ole I - Non-	Derivative	Secu		ired, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		Date, if	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	ODD Dispos (Instr. 3,	ed of		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	01/13/2011			S	Amount 13,500	D	\$ 60.1881	158,390	D		
Class A Common Stock, \$ 0.001 par value	01/14/2011			S	7,500	D	\$ 60.1175 (2)	150,890	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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	•	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Tit	le and	8. Price of	
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transac	ctionN	umber	Expiration D	ate	Amou	int of	Derivative	
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	f	(Month/Day/	Year)	Under	rlying	Security	
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8	3) D	erivative	e		Secur	ities	(Instr. 5)	
	Derivative				Se	ecurities			(Instr.	3 and 4)		
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					(A	A) or						
					D	isposed						
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					4,	and 5)						
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				C- 1-	3 7 ()	A) (D)				of		
				Code	V (F	A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

GERSHWIND ERIK O MSC INDUSTRIAL DIRECT CO., INC. 75 MAXESS ROAD MELVILLE, NY 11747

X

EVP & CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER

Signatures

/s/ Erik

Gershwind 01/18/2011

**Signature of Reporting Person

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 13,500 shares in 72 separate transactions, ranging from \$60.00 to \$60.65 per share, resulting in a weighted average (1) sale price per share of \$60.1881. 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 7,500 shares in 49 separate transactions, ranging from \$60.00 to \$60.27 per share, resulting in a weighted average (2) sale price per share of \$60.1175. 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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