COX THOMAS

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

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) 11/01/2004					Director 10% Owner Selicitive title Other (specify below) Senior Vice President of Sales				
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)						6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned											
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Da (Month/Day/Year	e) Execution	emed on Date, if Day/Year)	ate, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (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)				
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (1)	11/01/2004			S		60	D	\$ 34.5	3,654	D		
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (1)	11/01/2004			S		60	D	\$ 34.52	3,594	D		
Class A Common	11/01/2004			S		7	D	\$ 34.53	3,587	D		

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Stock, \$0.001 par value (1)						
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (1)	11/01/2004	S	49	D	\$ 34.54 3,538	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (1)	11/01/2004	S	16	D	\$ 34.55 3,522	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (1)	11/01/2004	S	44	D	\$ 3,478	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (1)	11/01/2004	S	16	D	\$ 34.6 3,462	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (1)	11/01/2004	S	22	D	\$ 3,440	D

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 Exercisable and	7. Title and	8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transacti	orNumber	Expiration Date	Amount of	Derivative	Deriv
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/Year)	Underlying	Security	Secui
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivativ	re	Securities	(Instr. 5)	Bene
	Derivative				Securities	S	(Instr. 3 and 4)		Own
	Security				Acquired				Follo
					(A) or				Repo
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					(Instr. 3,				
					4, and 5)				

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Date Expiration Or Number Of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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Senior Vice President of Sales

Signatures

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).

Because the SEC's electronic filing system does not allow for the disclosure of more than 30 transactions on one Form 4, the Reporting (1) Person is filing 2 simulataneous Form 4's to report his reportable transactions all of which together shall be deemed a single report filed on this date. This is the 2nd Form 4 of the 2 filings.

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