

BOEHLKE CHARLES A JR  
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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 \*  
 BOEHLKE CHARLES A JR

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 MAXES ROAD  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 11/11/2004

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 Executive VP and CFO

MELVILLE, NY 11747

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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 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)		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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V Amount (D) Price			
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value	11/11/2004		M	5,000	A \$ 13.9375	12,280	D	
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value	11/11/2004		M	20,000	A \$ 14.5	32,280	D	
	11/11/2004		M	30,000	A	62,280	D	

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Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value					\$	18.6875	
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value <sup>(6)</sup>	11/11/2004	S	400	D	\$ 34.79	61,880	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value <sup>(6)</sup>	11/11/2004	S	5,900	D	\$ 34.8	55,980	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value <sup>(6)</sup>	11/11/2004	S	8,400	D	\$ 34.81	47,580	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value <sup>(6)</sup>	11/11/2004	S	2,700	D	\$ 34.82	44,880	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value <sup>(6)</sup>	11/11/2004	S	2,600	D	\$ 34.83	42,280	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value <sup>(6)</sup>	11/11/2004	S	100	D	\$ 34.84	42,180	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value <sup>(6)</sup>	11/11/2004	S	800	D	\$ 34.85	41,380	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value <sup>(6)</sup>	11/11/2004	S	4,200	D	\$ 34.86	37,180	D
	11/11/2004	S	1,000	D	\$ 34.87	36,180	D

Class A  
Common  
Stock,  
\$0.001 par  
value <sup>(6)</sup>

Class A  
Common  
Stock,  
11/11/2004  
\$0.001 par  
value <sup>(6)</sup>

S 4,900 D \$ 34.88 31,280 D

Class A  
Common  
Stock,  
11/11/2004  
\$0.001 par  
value <sup>(6)</sup>

S 1,000 D \$ 34.89 30,280 D

Class A  
Common  
Stock,  
11/11/2004  
\$0.001 par  
value <sup>(6)</sup>

S 5,400 D \$ 34.9 24,880 D

Class A  
Common  
Stock,  
11/11/2004  
\$0.001 par  
value <sup>(6)</sup>

S 200 D \$ 34.91 24,680 D

Class A  
Common  
Stock,  
11/11/2004  
\$0.001 par  
value <sup>(6)</sup>

S 1,000 D \$ 34.92 23,680 D

Class A  
Common  
Stock,  
11/11/2004  
\$0.001 par  
value <sup>(6)</sup>

S 600 D \$ 34.93 23,080 D

Class A  
Common  
Stock,  
11/11/2004  
\$0.001 par  
value <sup>(6)</sup>

S 1,900 D \$ 34.95 21,180 D

Class A  
Common  
Stock,  
11/11/2004  
\$0.001 par  
value <sup>(6)</sup>

S 100 D \$ 34.96 21,080 D

11/11/2004 S 100 D \$ 34.97 20,980 D

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Class A  
Common  
Stock,  
\$0.001 par  
value <sup>(6)</sup>

Class A  
Common  
Stock,  
11/11/2004  
\$0.001 par  
value <sup>(6)</sup>

S 100 D \$ 34.98 20,880 D

Class A  
Common  
Stock,  
11/11/2004  
\$0.001 par  
value <sup>(6)</sup>

S 2,100 D \$ 35 18,780 D

Class A  
Common  
Stock,  
11/11/2004  
\$0.001 par  
value <sup>(6)</sup>

S 200 D \$ 35.02 18,580 D

Class A  
Common  
Stock,  
11/11/2004  
\$0.001 par  
value <sup>(6)</sup>

S 300 D \$ 35.04 18,280 D

Class A  
Common  
Stock,  
11/11/2004  
\$0.001 par  
value <sup>(6)</sup>

S 300 D \$ 35.09 17,980 D

Class A  
Common  
Stock,  
11/11/2004  
\$0.001 par  
value <sup>(6)</sup>

S 600 D \$ 35.1 17,380 D

Class A  
Common  
Stock,  
11/11/2004  
\$0.001 par  
value <sup>(6)</sup>

S 1,100 D \$ 35.11 16,280 D

Class A  
Common  
Stock,  
11/11/2004  
\$0.001 par  
value <sup>(6)</sup>

S 800 D \$ 35.12 15,480 D

11/11/2004 S 200 D \$ 35.13 15,280 D

Class A  
Common  
Stock,  
\$0.001 par  
value <sup>(6)</sup>

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>(1)</sup>	\$ 13.9375	11/11/2004		M	5,000	<sup>(2)</sup> 11/09/2010	See Footnote <sup>(5)</sup>	5,000
Options (right to buy) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 14.5	11/11/2004		M	20,000	<sup>(3)</sup> 09/21/2011	See Footnote <sup>(5)</sup>	20,000
Options (right to buy) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 18.6875	11/11/2004		M	30,000	<sup>(4)</sup> 06/19/2010	See Footnote <sup>(5)</sup>	30,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BOEHLKE CHARLES A JR C/O MSC INDUSTRIAL DIRECT CO INC 75 MAXES ROAD MELVILLE, NY 11747	X		Executive VP and CFO	

## Signatures

/s/ Charles A.  
Boehlke, Jr.

11/12/2004

\_\_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) Options to purchase Issuer's Class A common stock, \$.001 par value

An option to purchase 25,000 shares of the Issuer's common stock, par value \$.001 per share, was issued to the Reporting person under the Issuer's 1998 Stock Option Plan. One-fifth of such option became exercisable on each of November 9, 2001, November 9, 2002, November 9, 2003 and November 9, 2004. The balance of such option becomes exercisable in one-fifth on November 9, 2005.

(3) An option to purchase 100,000 shares of the Issuer's common stock, par value \$.001 per share, was issued to the Reporting person under the Issuer's 2001 Stock Option Plan. One-fifth of such option became exercisable on each of September 21, 2002, September 21, 2003 and September 21, 2004. The balance of such option becomes exercisable in one-fifth on each of September 21, 2005 and September 21, 2006.

(4) An option to purchase 125,000 shares of the Issuer's common stock, par value \$.001 per share, was issued to the Reporting person under the Issuer's 1998 Stock Option Plan. One-fifth of such option became exercisable on each of June 19, 2001, June 19, 2002, June 19, 2003 and June 19, 2004. The balance of such option becomes exercisable in one-fifth on June 19, 2005.

(5) Class A Common Stock, \$.001 par value

(6) Because the SEC's electronic filing system does not allow for the disclosure of more than 30 transactions on one Form 4, the Reporting Person is filing 2 simultaneous 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 1st Form 4 of the 2 filings.

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