

MSC INDUSTRIAL DIRECT CO INC
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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 *
 ECCLESTON 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)
 ___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
 VP of Facilities and Secretary

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 C/O MSC INDUSTRIAL DIRECT CO INC, 75 MAXESS RD
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 11/01/2004

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value	11/01/2004		M	2,138 A \$ 7.75	2,778	D	
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value ⁽⁴⁾	11/01/2004		S	566 D \$ 34	2,212	D	
	11/01/2004		S	3 D	2,209	D	

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Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value ⁽⁴⁾					\$			
					34.06			
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value ⁽⁴⁾	11/01/2004	S	23	D	\$	2,186		D
					34.07			
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value ⁽⁴⁾	11/01/2004	S	30	D	\$	2,156		D
					34.08			
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value ⁽⁴⁾	11/01/2004	S	35	D	\$	2,121		D
					34.09			
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value ⁽⁴⁾	11/01/2004	S	220	D	\$	1,901		D
					34.1			
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value ⁽⁴⁾	11/01/2004	S	1	D	\$	1,900		D
					34.2			
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value ⁽⁴⁾	11/01/2004	S	22	D	\$	1,878		D
					34.21			
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value ⁽⁴⁾	11/01/2004	S	59	D	\$	1,819		D
					34.22			
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value ⁽⁴⁾	11/01/2004	S	67	D	\$	1,752		D
					34.23			
	11/01/2004	S	73	D		1,679		D

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Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value ⁽⁴⁾					\$		
					34.24		
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value ⁽⁴⁾	11/01/2004	S	100	D	\$ 34.25	1,579	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value ⁽⁴⁾	11/01/2004	S	3	D	\$ 34.27	1,576	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value ⁽⁴⁾	11/01/2004	S	8	D	\$ 34.3	1,568	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value ⁽⁴⁾	11/01/2004	S	154	D	\$ 34.33	1,414	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value ⁽⁴⁾	11/01/2004	S	3	D	\$ 34.34	1,411	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value ⁽⁴⁾	11/01/2004	S	84	D	\$ 34.35	1,327	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value ⁽⁴⁾	11/01/2004	S	75	D	\$ 34.36	1,252	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value ⁽⁴⁾	11/01/2004	S	75	D	\$ 34.37	1,177	D
	11/01/2004	S	186	D		991	D

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Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value ⁽⁴⁾					\$			
					34.38			
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value ⁽⁴⁾	11/01/2004	S	73	D	\$	918		D
					34.39			
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value ⁽⁴⁾	11/01/2004	S	49	D	\$	869		D
					34.4			
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value ⁽⁴⁾	11/01/2004	S	24	D	\$	845		D
					34.41			
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value ⁽⁴⁾	11/01/2004	S	3	D	\$	842		D
					34.42			
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value ⁽⁴⁾	11/01/2004	S	5	D	\$	837		D
					34.44			
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value ⁽⁴⁾	11/01/2004	S	13	D	\$	824		D
					34.46			
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value ⁽⁴⁾	11/01/2004	S	22	D	\$	802		D
					34.47			
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value ⁽⁴⁾	11/01/2004	S	27	D	\$	775		D
					34.48			
	11/01/2004	S	30	D	\$	745		D
					34.5			

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

(2) An option to purchase 16,000 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 October 19, 2000, October 19, 2001, October 19, 2002, October 19, 2003 and October 19, 2004.

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

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