

MSC INDUSTRIAL DIRECT CO INC
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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 *
BOXER SHELLEY

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 MAXESS ROAD
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
01/12/2011

____ Director
 Officer (give title below) _____ 10% Owner
 _____ Other (specify below)
VP, FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING

MELVILLE, NY 11747

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Class A Common Stock, \$ 0.001 par value	01/12/2011		M	4,500	A \$ 42.78	17,380	D
Class A Common Stock, \$ 0.001 par value	01/12/2011		S	4,500 (1)	D \$ 60.6795	12,880	D

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

An option to purchase 9,500 shares of the Issuer's Common Stock was issued to the Reporting Person under the Issuer's 2005 Omnibus

- (3) Equity Plan. 2,375 shares of Common Stock became exercisable on each of October 16, 2007, October 16, 2008, October 16, 2009 and October 16, 2010.

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