

COX THOMAS
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FORM 4

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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 *
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)

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
X Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)

C/O MSC INDUSTRIAL DIRECT CO., INC., 75 MAXESS ROAD

01/06/2012

Executive VP, Sales

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

MELVILLE, NY US 11747

X 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value	01/06/2012		M		10,000	A	\$ 38.07
					34,112	(1)	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value	01/06/2012		S		14,796	D	\$ 72.9952
					19,316	(2)	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 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) ⁽³⁾	\$ 38.07	01/06/2012		M	10,000	⁽⁴⁾ 10/15/2015	Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value	10,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

COX THOMAS
C/O MSC INDUSTRIAL DIRECT CO., INC.
75 MAXESS ROAD
MELVILLE, NY US 11747

Executive VP, Sales

Signatures

/s/ Thomas Cox 01/09/2012

__Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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) Balance reflects the exercise of stock options and the reconciliation of a previously reported balance.
Represents the sale of 14,796 shares in 23 separate transactions ranging from \$72.94 to \$73.09 per share, resulting in a weighted average sale price per share of \$72.9952. 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.
- (3) Represents options to purchase the Issuer's Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value ("Common Stock").

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- An option to purchase 40,000 shares of the Issuer's Common Stock was issued to the Reporting Person under the Issuer's 2005 Omnibus
- (4) Equity Plan. 10,000 shares of Common Stock became exercisable on each of October 16, 2009, October 16, 2010 and October 16, 2011, and an additional 10,000 shares of Common Stock will become exercisable on October 16, 2012.

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