

McGuire Eileen  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
McGuire Eileen

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)  
07/24/2008

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Senior Vice President

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

(Street)

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

MELVILLE, NY 11747

(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	07/24/2008		M	15,000	A \$ 14.5	29,359	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value	07/24/2008		S	6,800	D \$ 47.11	22,559	D
	07/24/2008		S	8,200	D	14,359	D

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Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value	\$ 48.21 (2)
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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) <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 14.5	07/24/2008		M	15,000	<sup>(4)</sup> 09/21/2011	See Footnote <sup>(5)</sup>	15,000

**Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director   10% Owner   Officer   Other

McGuire Eileen  
C/O MSC INDUSTRIAL DIRECT CO., INC.  
75 MAXESS ROAD  
MELVILLE, NY 11747

Senior Vice President

**Signatures**

/s/ Eileen McGuire	07/25/2008
<small>**Signature of Reporting Person</small>	<small>Date</small>

## 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).

- Represents the sale of 6,800 shares in 35 separate transactions, ranging from \$46.87 to \$47.39 per share, resulting in a weighted average sale price per share of \$47.11. For all transactions reported in this Form 4 utilizing a weighted average price, 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.
- (1)
- (2) Represents the sale of 8,200 shares in 27 separate transactions, ranging from \$47.87 to \$48.85 per share, resulting in a weighted average sale price per share of \$48.21.
- (3) Options to purchase the Issuer's Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value per share.
- An option to purchase 40,000 shares of the Issuer's Common Stock was issued to the Reporting Person under the Issuer's 2001 Stock
- (4) Option Plan. One-fifth became exercisable on each of September 21, 2002, September 21, 2003, September 21, 2004, September 21, 2005 and September 21, 2006.
- (5) Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value per share.

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