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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*

Armstrong Steve  
(Last) (First) (Middle)

2. Date of Event Requiring Statement

(Month/Day/Year)  
10/16/2008

3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

MSC INDUSTRIAL DIRECT CO INC [MSM]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

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

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner

Officer  Other

(give title below) (specify below)

VP, Gen. Counsel & Corp. Secy.

6. Individual or Joint/Group

Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Form filed by One Reporting Person

Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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

(Street)

MELVILLE, NY 11747

(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security  
(Instr. 4)

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned  
(Instr. 4)

3. Ownership Form:  
Direct (D)  
or Indirect (I)  
(Instr. 5)

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership  
(Instr. 5)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security  
(Instr. 4)

2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date  
(Month/Day/Year)

3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security  
(Instr. 4)

4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security

5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:  
Direct (D)

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership  
(Instr. 5)

Date Exercisable Expiration Date Title Amount or Number of

Shares or Indirect  
(I)  
(Instr. 5)

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Armstrong Steve C/O MSC INDUSTRIAL DIRECT CO., INC. 75 MAXESS ROAD MELVILLE, NY 11747	Â	Â	Â VP, Gen. Counsel & Corp. Secy.	Â

## Signatures

/s/ Steve  
Armstrong

10/20/2008

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

### No securities are beneficially owned

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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).

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