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MSC INDUSTRIAL DIRECT CO INC  
Form 8-K  
July 11, 2003

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT  
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): July 10, 2003

MSC INDUSTRIAL DIRECT CO., INC.

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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

New York 1-14130  
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x(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) (Commission File Number)

75 Maxess Road  
Melville, NY  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (516) 812-2000  
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ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS

On July 10, 2003, the Registrant issued a press release announcing the declaration of a cash dividend on the common stock of the Registrant. The entire text of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1.

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, PRO FORMA FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND EXHIBITS

Exhibits: 99.1 MSC Industrial Direct Co., Inc. Press Release, dated July 10, 2003.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

MSC INDUSTRIAL DIRECT CO., INC.

By: /s/ Charles Boehlke

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Name: Charles Boehlke  
Title: Executive Vice President  
and Chief Financial Officer

Date: July 11, 2003