SANDLER DAVID

Form 4

\$0.001 par value (4)

11/01/2004

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FORM	14 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION								OMB APPROVAL			
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(Print or Type I	Responses)											
1. Name and A SANDLER	Address of Reporting DAVID	Symb					5. Relationship of Issuer	Reporting Pers	on(s) to			
			INDUSTR [MSM]	IAL DIR	ECT	CO	(Check	eck all applicable)				
(Last)	(First) (I		e of Earliest T h/Day/Year)	Transaction			_X_ Director _X_ Officer (give	e title 10% Owner Other (specify below)				
C/O MSC INDUSTRIAL DIRECT 11/01/2004 below) below) CO INC, 75 MAXESS RD below) President and COC						<i>'</i>						
			mendment, D Month/Day/Yea	_	1		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_Form filed by One Reporting Person					
MELVILLE, NY 11747 — Form filed by More than One Person							fore than One Re	porting				
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	able I - Non-	Derivative	Securi	ities Acq	uired, Disposed of	, or Beneficial	y Owned			
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Bene Pay/Year) (Instr. 8) Own Follo (A) Tran			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)				
Class A Common			Code V	' Amount	(D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)					
Stock, \$0.001 par value	11/01/2004		M	20,071	A	\$ 7.75	43,373	D				
Class A Common Stock,	11/01/2004		S	5,315	D	\$ 34	38,058	D				

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Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (4)					\$ 34.06		
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (4)	11/01/2004	S	228	D	\$ 34.07	37,812	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (4)	11/01/2004	S	278	D	\$ 34.08	37,534	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (4)	11/01/2004	S	329	D	\$ 34.09	37,205	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (4)	11/01/2004	S	2,057	D	\$ 34.1	35,148	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (4)	11/01/2004	S	51	D	\$ 34.2	35,097	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (4)	11/01/2004	S	177	D	\$ 34.21	34,920	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (4)	11/01/2004	S	557	D	\$ 34.22	34,363	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (4)	11/01/2004	S	633	D	\$ 34.23	33,730	D
	11/01/2004	S	683	D		33,047	D

Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (4)					\$ 34.24		
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (4)	11/01/2004	S	936	D	\$ 34.25	32,111	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (4)	11/01/2004	S	25	D	\$ 34.27	32,086	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (4)	11/01/2004	S	76	D	\$ 34.3	32,010	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (4)	11/01/2004	S	1,443	D	\$ 34.33	30,567	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (4)	11/01/2004	S	25	D	\$ 34.34	30,542	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.01 par value	11/01/2004	S	785	D	\$ 34.35	29,757	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (4)	11/01/2004	S	709	D	\$ 34.36	29,048	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (4)	11/01/2004	S	711	D	\$ 34.37	28,337	D
	11/01/2004	S	1,746	D		26,591	D

Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (4)					\$ 34.38
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (4)	11/01/2004	S	683	D	\$ 25,908 D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (4)	11/01/2004	S	456	D	\$ 34.4 25,452 D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (4)	11/01/2004	S	228	D	\$ 25,224 D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (4)	11/01/2004	S	25	D	\$ 25,199 D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (4)	11/01/2004	S	51	D	\$ 25,148 D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (4)	11/01/2004	S	127	D	\$ 25,021 D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (4)	11/01/2004	S	202	D	\$ 24,819 D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (4)	11/01/2004	S	253	D	\$ 24,566 D
	11/01/2004	S	278	D	\$ 34.5 24,288 D

Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (4)

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	ransactionDerivative ode Securities		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Options (right to buy) (1)	\$ 7.75	11/01/2004		M	20,0)71	(2)	10/19/2009	See Footnote (3)	20,071

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address		Relationships					
. 3	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
SANDLER DAVID C/O MSC INDUSTRIAL DIRECT CO INC 75 MAXESS RD MELVILLE, NY 11747	X		President and COO				

Signatures

/s/ David Sandler	11/03/2004
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date

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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) Options to purchase Issuer's Class A common stock, \$.001 par value
 - An option to purchase 200,000 shares of the Issuer's common stock, par value \$.001 per share, was issued to the Reporting person under
- (2) the Issuer's 1998 Stock Option Plan. One-fifth of such option became exercisable on each of October 19, 2000, October 19, 2001, October 19, 2002, October 19, 2003 and October 19, 2004.
- (3) Class A Common Stock, \$.001 par value
 - Because the SEC's electronic filing system does not allow for the disclosure of more than 30 transactions on one Form 4, the Reporting
- (4) Person is filing 2 simultaneous Form 4's to report his reportable transactions all of which together shall be deemed to a single report filed on this date. This is the 1st Form 4 of the 2 filings.

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