

MSC INDUSTRIAL DIRECT CO INC  
 Form 4  
 November 18, 2004

**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 \*  
 SCHROEDER JAMES A

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)  
 C/O MSC INDUSTRIAL DIRECT CO INC, 75 MAXESS RD  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 11/17/2004

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Sr. Vice Pres of Logistics

MLEVILLE, NY 11747

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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(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		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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)			
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value	11/17/2004		M		8,000	A	\$ 20.875	24,211	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value	11/17/2004		S		2,000	D	\$ 36.83	22,211	D
	11/17/2004		S		2,000	D	\$ 36.75	20,211	D

Class A  
Common  
Stock,  
\$0.001 par  
value

Class A  
Common  
Stock,  
\$0.001 par  
value

11/17/2004

S 2,000 D \$ 36.27 18,211 D

Class A  
Common  
Stock,  
\$0.001 par  
value

11/17/2004

S 2,000 D \$ 36 16,211 D

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. P... Der... Sec... (Ins...)	
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
						Code	V	(A)	(D)
Options (right to buy) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 20.875	11/17/2004		M	8,000	<u>(2)</u>	10/30/2007	See Footnote <u>(3)</u>	8,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SCHROEDER JAMES A C/O MSC INDUSTRIAL DIRECT CO INC			Sr. Vice Pres of	

75 MAXESS RD  
MLEVILLE, NY 11747

Logistics

## Signatures

/s/ James  
Schroeder

11/18/2004

\_\_\_\_\_  
\*\*Signature of  
Reporting Person

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## 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) Option to purchase Issuer's Class A common stock, \$.001 par value  
  
An option to purchase 150,000 shares of the Issuer's common stock, par value \$.001 per share, was issued to the Reporting person under
  - (2) the Issuer's 1995 Stock Option Plan. One-fifth of such option became exercisable on each of October 30, 1998, October 30, 1999, October 30, 2000, October 30, 2001 and October 30, 2002.
  - (3) Class A Common Stock, \$.001 par value

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