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OMB APPROVAL FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OMB 3235-0287 Washington, D.C. 20549 Number: Check this box January 31, Expires: if no longer 2005 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF subject to Estimated average **SECURITIES** Section 16. burden hours per Form 4 or response... 0.5 Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction 1(b). (Print or Type Responses) 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading SCHROEDER JAMES A Issuer Symbol MSC INDUSTRIAL DIRECT CO (Check all applicable) INC [MSM] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner X_Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) below) C/O MSC INDUSTRIAL DIRECT 11/01/2004 Senior VP of Logistics CO INC, 75 MAXESS RD (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person _ Form filed by More than One Reporting MLEVILLE, NY 11747 Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

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1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value	11/01/2004		М	26,000	A	\$ 15.25	41,880	D	
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value	11/01/2004		М	7,400	A	\$ 19	49,280	D	
	11/01/2004		S	8,845	D	\$ 34	40,435	D	

Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (5)							
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (5)	11/01/2004	S	29	D	\$ 34.06	40,406	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (5)	11/01/2004	S	381	D	\$ 34.07	40,025	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (5)	11/01/2004	S	463	D	\$ 34.08	39,562	D
Class A Common Stock, 0.001 par value (5)	11/01/2004	S	548	D	\$ 34.09	39,014	D
Class A Common Stock, 0.001 par value (5)	11/01/2004	S	3,425	D	\$ 34.1	35,589	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (5)	11/01/2004	S	86	D	\$ 34.2	35,503	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (5)	11/01/2004	S	292	D	\$ 34.21	35,211	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (5)	11/01/2004	S	926	D	\$ 34.22	34,285	D
	11/01/2004	S	1,053	D		33,232	D

Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (5)					\$ 34.23		
Class A Common Stock, 0.001 par value (5)	11/01/2004	S	1,138	D	\$ 34.24	32,094	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (5)	11/01/2004	S	1,558	D	\$ 34.25	30,536	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (5)	11/01/2004	S	43	D	\$ 34.27	30,493	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (5)	11/01/2004	S	127	D	\$ 34.3	30,366	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (5)	11/01/2004	S	2,397	D	\$ 34.33	27,969	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value ⁽⁵⁾	11/01/2004	S	43	D	\$ 34.34	27,962	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value ⁽⁵⁾	11/01/2004	S	1,305	D	\$ 34.35	26,621	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (5)	11/01/2004	S	1,180	D	\$ 34.36	25,441	D
	11/01/2004	S	1,178	D		24,263	D

Class A Common Stock, 0.001 par value (5)					\$ 34.37	
Class A Common Stock, 0.001 par value (5)	11/01/2004	S	2,907	D	\$ 21,356 34.38	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (5)	11/01/2004	S	1,138	D	\$ 20,218 34.39	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (5)	11/01/2004	S	755	D	\$ 34.4 19,463	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (5)	11/01/2004	S	380	D	\$ 34.41 19,083	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (5)	11/01/2004	S	43	D	\$ 34.42 19,040	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (5)	11/01/2004	S	84	D	\$ 34.44 18,456	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (5)	11/01/2004	S	211	D	\$ 34.46 ^{18,745}	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (5)	11/01/2004	S	337	D	\$ 34.47 18,408	D
	11/01/2004	S	421	D	17,987	D

Class A	\$
Common	34.48
Stock,	
\$0.001 par	
value $\frac{(5)}{}$	

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

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Table II - Derivative Securities 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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Derivative Expiration Date Securities (Month/Day/Year) Acquired (A) or Disposed of D) Instr. 3, 4,		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. D Se (I
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Options (right to buy) <u>(1)</u>	\$ 15.25	11/01/2004		М	26,000	(2)	04/28/2007	See Footnote $\underline{(4)}$	26,000	
Options (right to buy) (1)	\$ 19	11/01/2004		М	7,400	(3)	11/19/2007	See Footnote (4)	7,400	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
FB	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
SCHROEDER JAMES A C/O MSC INDUSTRIAL DIRECT CO INC 75 MAXESS RD MLEVILLE, NY 11747			Senior VP of Logistics			
Signatures						
/s/ James						

/s/ James Schroeder

11/03/2004

<u>**</u>Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reporting Owners

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 30,000 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 April 28, 1998, April 28, 1999, April 28, 2000, April 28, 2001 and April 28, 2002.

An option to purchase 20,000 shares of the Issuer's common stock, par value \$.001 per share, was issued to the Reporting person under
(3) the Issuer's 1995 Stock Option Plan. One-fifth of such option became exercisable on each of November 19, 1998, November 19, 1999, November 19, 2000, November 19, 2001 and November 19, 2002.

(4) 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(5) Person is filing 2 simultaneous Form 4's to report his reportable transactions all of which together shall be deemed a single report filed on this date. This is the 1st Form 4 of the 2 filings.

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