

MSC INDUSTRIAL DIRECT CO INC  
 Form 4  
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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)  
 11/02/2004

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 SR. VP 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  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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 (Instr. 8)	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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value	11/02/2004		M	12,600 A	\$ 19 28,480	D	
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value	11/02/2004		M	54,000 A	\$ 20.875 82,480	D	
	11/02/2004		S	20,610 D	\$ 33 61,870	D	

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Class A  
Common  
Stock,  
\$0.001 par  
value <sup>(5)</sup>

Class A  
Common  
Stock,  
11/02/2004  
\$0.001 par  
value <sup>(5)</sup>

S 589 D \$ 33.01 61,281 D

Class A  
Common  
Stock,  
11/02/2004  
\$0.001 par  
value <sup>(5)</sup>

S 252 D \$ 33.02 61,029 D

Class A  
Common  
Stock,  
11/02/2004  
\$0.001 par  
value <sup>(5)</sup>

S 336 D \$ 33.03 60,693 D

Class A  
Common  
Stock,  
11/02/2004  
\$0.001 par  
value <sup>(5)</sup>

S 168 D \$ 33.04 60,525 D

Class A  
Common  
Stock,  
11/02/2004  
\$0.001 par  
value <sup>(5)</sup>

S 547 D \$ 33.05 59,978 D

Class A  
Common  
Stock,  
11/02/2004  
\$0.001 par  
value <sup>(5)</sup>

S 505 D \$ 33.07 59,473 D

Class A  
Common  
Stock,  
11/02/2004  
\$0.001 par  
value <sup>(5)</sup>

S 799 D \$ 33.09 58,674 D

Class A  
Common  
Stock,  
11/02/2004  
\$0.001 par  
value <sup>(5)</sup>

S 1,262 D \$ 33.1 57,412 D

11/02/2004 S 252 D \$ 33.11 57,160 D

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Class A  
Common  
Stock,  
\$0.001 par  
value <sup>(5)</sup>

Class A  
Common  
Stock,  
11/02/2004  
\$0.001 par  
value <sup>(5)</sup>

S 168 D \$ 33.15 56,992 D

Class A  
Common  
Stock,  
11/02/2004  
\$0.001 par  
value <sup>(5)</sup>

S 42 D \$ 33.16 56,950 D

Class A  
Common  
Stock,  
11/02/2004  
\$0.001 par  
value <sup>(5)</sup>

S 126 D \$ 33.19 56,824 D

Class A  
Common  
Stock,  
11/02/2004  
\$0.001 par  
value <sup>(5)</sup>

S 294 D \$ 33.2 56,530 D

Class A  
Common  
Stock,  
11/02/2004  
\$0.001 par  
value <sup>(5)</sup>

S 252 D \$ 33.21 56,278 D

Class A  
Common  
Stock,  
11/02/2004  
\$0.001 par  
value <sup>(5)</sup>

S 84 D \$ 33.22 56,194 D

Class A  
Common  
Stock,  
11/02/2004  
\$0.001 par  
value <sup>(5)</sup>

S 168 D \$ 33.23 56,026 D

Class A  
Common  
Stock,  
11/02/2004  
\$0.001 par  
value <sup>(5)</sup>

S 168 D \$ 33.24 55,858 D

11/02/2004 S 421 D \$ 33.25 55,437 D

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Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value <sup>(5)</sup>							
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value <sup>(5)</sup>	11/02/2004	S	168	D	\$ 33.26	55,269	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value <sup>(5)</sup>	11/02/2004	S	294	D	\$ 33.27	54,975	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value <sup>(5)</sup>	11/02/2004	S	126	D	\$ 33.28	54,849	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value <sup>(5)</sup>	11/02/2004	S	168	D	\$ 33.29	54,681	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value <sup>(5)</sup>	11/02/2004	S	422	D	\$ 33.35	54,259	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value <sup>(5)</sup>	11/02/2004	S	3,912	D	\$ 33.4	50,347	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value <sup>(5)</sup>	11/01/2004	S	294	D	\$ 33.43	50,053	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value <sup>(5)</sup>	11/02/2004	S	1,009	D	\$ 33.45	49,044	D
	11/02/2004	S	3,828	D	\$ 33.5	45,216	D

Class A  
Common  
Stock,  
\$0.001 par  
value <sup>(5)</sup>

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. Amount or Number of Shares
Options (right to buy) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 19	11/02/2004		M	12,600	<sup>(2)</sup> 11/19/2007	See Footnote <sup>(4)</sup>	12,600
Options (right to buy) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 20.875	11/02/2004		M	54,000	<sup>(3)</sup> 10/30/2007	See Footnote <sup>(4)</sup>	54,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SCHROEDER JAMES A C/O MSC INDUSTRIAL DIRECT CO INC 75 MAXESS RD MLEVILLE, NY 11747			SR. VP OF LOGISTICS	

## Signatures

/s/ James Schroeder 11/04/2004

\*\*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 20,000 shares of the Issuer's common stock, par value \$.001 per share, was issued to the Reporting person under 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.

(3) 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 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.

(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 Person is filing 3 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 3 filings.

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