MSC INDUSTRIAL DIRECT CO INC

Form 4

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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

MSC INDUSTRIAL DIRECT CO

Symbol

INC [MSM]

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

Issuer

See Instruction 1(b).

ANKER ROSS

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O MSC INDUSTRIAL DIRECT CO INC, 75 MAXESS RD			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/11/2005					Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) Sr VP of Prod Mgnt & Info Sys		
(Street)			Filed(Month/Day/Year)				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
MLEVILL	E, NY 11747							Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tab	le I - Non-	Derivative	Secui	rities Acqui	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deem Execution any (Month/Da	Date, if	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit or Dispos (Instr. 3, 4	ed of (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)
Class A Common Stock, \$0.01 par value	01/11/2005			M	3,963	A	\$ 15.25	16,838	D	
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value	01/11/2005			S	1,640	D	\$ 33.3	15,198	D	
	01/11/2005			S	2,000	D	\$ 33.31	13,198	D	

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Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value							
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value	01/11/2005	S	1,000	D	\$ 33.32	12,198	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value	01/11/2005	S	500	D	\$ 33.33	11,698	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.01 par value	01/12/2005	M	4,477	A	\$ 15.25	16,175	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.01 par value	01/12/2005	M	12,000	A	\$ 13.9375	28,175	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.01 par value	01/12/2005	M	16,000	A	\$ 14.5	44,175	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value	01/12/2005	S	11,277	D	\$ 33	32,898	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value	01/12/2005	S	300	D	\$ 33.01	32,598	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value	01/12/2005	S	600	D	\$ 33.02	31,998	D
	01/12/2005	S	13,400	D	\$ 33.03	18,598	D

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Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value							
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value	01/12/2005	S	1,300	D	\$ 33.04	17,298	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value	01/12/2005	S	1,200	D	\$ 33.05	16,098	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value	01/12/2005	S	100	D	\$ 33.06	15,998	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value	01/12/2005	S	2,400	D	\$ 33.1	13,598	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value	01/12/2005	S	500	D	\$ 33.11	13,098	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value	01/12/2005	S	300	D	\$ 33.13	12,798	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value	01/12/2005	S	300	D	\$ 33.14	12,498	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value	01/12/2005	S	600	D	\$ 33.15	11,898	D
	01/12/2005	S	200	D	\$ 33.16	11,698	D

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Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value

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. 5. Number of TransactionDerivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) 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)		
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Options (right to buy) (1)	\$ 15.25	01/11/2005		M		3,963	(2)	04/28/2007	See Footnote (6)	3,963
Options (right to buy) (1)	\$ 15.25	01/12/2005		M		4,477	<u>(3)</u>	04/28/2007	See Footnote	4,477
Options (right to buy) (1)	\$ 13.9375	01/12/2005		M		12,000	<u>(4)</u>	11/09/2010	See Footnote (6)	12,000
Options (right to buy) (1)	\$ 14.5	01/12/2005		M		16,000	<u>(5)</u>	09/21/2011	See Footnote (6)	16,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationsnips							
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
ANKER ROSS C/O MSC INDUSTRIAL DIRECT CO INC 75 MAXESS RD MLEVILLE, NY 11747			Sr VP of Prod Mgnt & Info Sys					

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/s/ Ross Anker 01/12/2005

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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 40,000 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 40,000 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 April 28, 1998, April 28, 1999, April 28, 2000, April 28, 2001 and April 28, 2002.
- An option to purchase 60,000 shares of the Issuer's common stock, par value \$.001 per share, was issued to the Reporting person under (4) the Issuer's 1998 Stock Option Plan. One-fifth of such option became exercisable on each of November 9, 2001, November 9, 2002, November 9, 2003, and November 9, 2004. The balance of such option becomes exercisable in one-fifth on November 9, 2005.
- An option to purchase 100,000 shares of the Issuer's common stock, par value \$.001 per share, was issued to the Reporting person under the Issuer's 2001 Stock Option Plan. One-fifth of such option became exercisable on each of September 21, 2002, September 21, 2003, and September 21, 2004. The balance of such option becomes exercisable in one-fifth on each of September 21, 2005 and September 21, 2006.
- (6) Class A Common Stock, \$.001 par value

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