

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)  
 07/22/2005

\_\_\_\_ 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)  
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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 (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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value	07/22/2005		M		7,554 A \$ 13.9375	28,026	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value	07/22/2005		S		3,776 D \$ 35.75	24,250	D
	07/22/2005		S		1,888 D \$ 35.8	22,362	D

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Class A  
Common  
Stock,  
\$0.001 par  
value

Class A  
Common

Stock,	07/22/2005	S	1,890	D	\$ 35.85	20,472	D
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\$0.001 par  
value

Class A  
Common

Stock,	07/25/2005	M	1,888	A	\$ 13.9375	22,360	D
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\$0.001 par  
value

Class A  
Common

Stock,	07/25/2005	M	4,000	A	\$ 14.5	26,360	D
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\$0.001 par  
value

Class A  
Common

Stock,	07/25/2005	S	3,888	D	\$ 36	22,472	D
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\$0.001 par  
value

Class A  
Common

Stock,	07/25/2005	S	2,000	D	\$ 35.95	20,472	D
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\$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. 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
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					Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
			Code	V (A)	(D)				
Options (right to buy) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 13.9375	07/22/2005	M			<sup>(2)</sup>	11/09/2010	Footnote <sup>(3)</sup>	7,554
Options (right to buy) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 13.9375	07/25/2005	M			<sup>(2)</sup>	11/09/2010	Footnote <sup>(3)</sup>	1,888
Options (right to buy) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 14.5	07/25/2005	M			<sup>(4)</sup>	09/21/2011	Footnote <sup>(3)</sup>	4,000

## 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/ Charles A. Boehlke, Jr.,  
Attorney-in-Fact

07/26/2005

<sup>(1)</sup>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 40,000 shares of the Issuer's common stock, par value \$.001 per share, was issued to the Reporting person under the Issuer's 1998 Stock Option Plan. One-fifth of such option became exercisable on November 9, 2001 and the balance of such option became exercisable on March 1, 2002.

(3) Class A Common Stock, \$.001 par value

(4) An option to purchase 50,000 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. Such option became exercisable on March 1, 2002.

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