

MSC INDUSTRIAL DIRECT CO INC

Form 4

November 18, 2004

FORM 4
UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
SCHROEDER JAMES A

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**C/O MSC INDUSTRIAL DIRECT
CO INC, 75 MAXESS RD**

(Street)

MLEVILLE, NY 11747

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol

**MSC INDUSTRIAL DIRECT CO
INC [MSM]**

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

11/16/2004

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)

Sr. Vice Pres of Logistics

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
____X____ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Person

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value	11/16/2004		M	26,000	A \$ 20.875	42,211	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value	11/16/2004		S	2,000	D \$ 35.6	40,211	D
	11/16/2004		S	2,000	D \$ 35.75	38,211	D

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Class A
Common
Stock,
\$0.001 par
value

Class A
Common
Stock,
\$0.001 par
value

11/16/2004

S

6,000

D

\$ 35.9

32,211

D

Class A
Common
Stock,
\$0.001 par
value

11/16/2004

S

2,000

D

\$ 35.95

30,211

D

Class A
Common
Stock,
\$0.001 par
value

11/16/2004

S

10,000

D

\$ 36

20,211

D

Class A
Common
Stock,
\$0.001 par
value

11/16/2004

S

2,000

D

\$ 36.04

18,211

D

Class A
Common
Stock,
\$0.001 par
value

11/16/2004

S

2,000

D

\$ 36.1

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. D S (I
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			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Options (right to buy) ⁽¹⁾	\$ 20.875	11/16/2004	M			26,000	⁽²⁾	10/30/2007	See Footnote ⁽³⁾	26,000

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. Vice Pres of Logistics	

Signatures

/s/ James
Schroeder

11/17/2004

^{**}Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(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 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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