

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)  
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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) |
|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|  |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Price   |  |                                   |
| Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value <sup>(1)</sup> | 11/02/2004                           |  | S                              | 42  | D \$ 34.09  | 19,119   | D                                 |
| Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value <sup>(1)</sup> | 11/02/2004                           |  | S                              | 967   | D \$ 34.1   | 18,152   | D                                 |
|  | 11/02/2004                           |  | S                              | 1,178   | D   | 16,974   | D                                 |

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|--|------------|--|---|-----|-------|----|--------|---|
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock,<br>\$0.001 par<br>value <sup>(1)</sup> |            |  |   |     | \$    |    |        |   |
|  |            |  |   |     | 34.11 |    |        |   |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock,<br>\$0.001 par<br>value <sup>(1)</sup> | 11/02/2004 |  | S | 42  | D     | \$ | 16,932 | D |
|  |            |  |   |     | 34.12 |    |        |   |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock,<br>\$0.001 par<br>value <sup>(1)</sup> | 11/02/2004 |  | S | 631 | D     | \$ | 16,301 | D |
|  |            |  |   |     | 34.13 |    |        |   |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock,<br>\$0.001 par<br>value <sup>(1)</sup> | 11/02/2004 |  | S | 42  | D     | \$ | 16,259 | D |
|  |            |  |   |     | 34.14 |    |        |   |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock,<br>\$0.001 par<br>value <sup>(1)</sup> | 11/02/2004 |  | S | 379 | D     | \$ | 15,880 | D |
|  |            |  |   |     | 34.15 |    |        |   |

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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number<br>of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed<br>of (D)<br>(Instr. 3,<br>4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Underlying<br>Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Nu<br>Deriv<br>Secur<br>Bene<br>Own<br>Follo<br>Repor<br>Trans<br>(Instr |       |                              |
|---|--|---|---|--------------------------------------|--|--|---|---|---|-------|------------------------------|
|   |  |   |   | Code                                 | V  | (A)  | (D)   | Date<br>Exercisable                                 | Expiration<br>Date  | Title | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                        |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                | Other |
| SCHROEDER JAMES A<br>C/O MSC INDUSTRIAL DIRECT CO INC<br>75 MAXESS RD<br>MLEVILLE, NY 11747 |               |           | SR. VP of<br>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).

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