

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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*See Instruction*  
1(b).

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

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,  
Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
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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)

**11/17/2004**

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 \_\_\_\_ Other (specify  
below) below)

**Sr. Vice Pres of Logistics**

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
\_\_X\_\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting  
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(A) Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired 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)
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value	11/17/2004		M	8,000	A \$ 20.875	24,211	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value	11/17/2004		S	2,000	D \$ 36.83	22,211	D
	11/17/2004		S	2,000	D \$ 36.75	20,211	D

Class A  
Common  
Stock,  
\$0.001 par  
value

Class A  
Common

Stock, 11/17/2004 S 2,000 D \$ 36.27 18,211 D  
\$0.001 par  
value

Class A  
Common

Stock, 11/17/2004 S 2,000 D \$ 36 16,211 D  
\$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
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Options (right to buy) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 20.875	11/17/2004		M	8,000	<u>(2)</u>	10/30/2007	See Footnote <u>(3)</u>	8,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
SCHROEDER JAMES A C/O MSC INDUSTRIAL DIRECT CO INC	Sr. Vice Pres of

75 MAXESS RD  
MLEVILLE, NY 11747

Logistics

## Signatures

/s/ James  
Schroeder

11/18/2004

\_\_\_\_\_  
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 150,000 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 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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