

MSC INDUSTRIAL DIRECT CO INC
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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)

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

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 ___X___ Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)

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

11/23/2004

Sr VP of Logistics

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

MLEVILLE, NY 11747

___X___ Form filed by One Reporting Person
 ___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value	11/23/2004		M	2,000	A \$ 20.875	18,211	D
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value	11/23/2004		S	2,000	D \$ 36.3	16,211	D

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

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