

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 \*  
ANKER ROSS

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)  
07/19/2005

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_X\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Sr. VP Prod Mgmt & Info Systems

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

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

MLEVILLE, NY 11747

(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  | (A) or (D)   | Price                             |
| Class A Common Stock, \$0.01 par value  | 07/19/2005                           |  | M                              |   | 2,780   | A  | \$ 15.25                          |
| Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value | 07/19/2005                           |  | M                              |   | 16,000  | A  | \$ 19                             |
|   | 07/19/2005                           |  | S                              |   | 4,000   | D  | \$ 35.4                           |
|   |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | 26,478                            |

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|   |            |   |       |   |             |        |   |
|---|------------|---|-------|---|-------------|--------|---|
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock,<br>\$0.001 par<br>value |            |   |       |   |             |        |   |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock,<br>\$0.001 par<br>value | 07/19/2005 | S | 200   | D | \$<br>35.42 | 26,278 | D |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock,<br>\$0.001 par<br>value | 07/19/2005 | S | 300   | D | \$<br>35.43 | 25,978 | D |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock,<br>\$0.01 par<br>value  | 07/19/2005 | S | 3,300 | D | \$<br>35.44 | 22,678 | D |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock,<br>\$0.01 par<br>value  | 07/19/2005 | S | 1,900 | D | \$<br>35.45 | 20,778 | D |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock,<br>\$0.01 par<br>value  | 07/19/2005 | S | 800   | D | \$<br>35.46 | 19,978 | D |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock,<br>\$0.001 par<br>value | 07/19/2005 | S | 700   | D | \$<br>35.47 | 19,278 | D |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock,<br>\$0.001 par<br>value | 07/19/2005 | S | 700   | D | \$<br>35.48 | 18,578 | D |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock,<br>\$0.001 par<br>value | 07/19/2005 | S | 1,200 | D | \$<br>35.49 | 17,378 | D |
|   | 07/19/2005 | S | 5,680 | D | \$ 35.5     | 11,698 | D |

Class A  
Common  
Stock,  
\$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. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Options (right to buy) <sup>(1)</sup>      | \$ 15.25   | 07/19/2005                           |  | M                              | 2,780   | <sup>(2)</sup> 04/28/2007                                | See Footnote <sup>(4)</sup>                                   | 2,780                         |
| Options (right to buy) <sup>(1)</sup>      | \$ 19  | 07/19/2005                           |  | M                              | 16,000  | <sup>(3)</sup> 11/19/2007                                | See Footnote <sup>(4)</sup>                                   | 16,000                        |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                                |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                        | Other |
| ANKER ROSS<br>C/O MSC INDUSTRIAL DIRECT CO INC<br>75 MAXESS RD<br>MLEVILLE, NY 11747 |               |           | Sr. VP Prod Mgmt & Info Systms |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Ross Anker 07/21/2005

<sup>\*\*</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 1995 Stock Option Plan. One-fifth of such option became exercisable on each of April 28, 1998, April 28, 1999, April 28, 2000, April 28, 2001 and April 28, 2002.

An option to purchase 16,000 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 November 19, 1998, November 19, 1999, November 19, 2000, November 19, 2001 and November 19, 2002.

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

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