

MDC HOLDINGS INC  
Form 4  
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**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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
MANDARICH DAVID D

(Last) (First) (Middle)

4350 S. MONACO STREET, SUITE 500

(Street)

DENVER, CO 80237

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
MDC HOLDINGS INC [MDC]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
12/20/2007

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

President, COO and Director

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

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**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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| Common Stock \$.01 Par Value    | 12/20/2007                           |  | A                              | (A) or (D)<br>60,000<br>(1)                                       | \$ 0 2,894,863  | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock \$.01 Par Value    |                                      |  |                                |   | 3,004   | I  | 401(K) Plan (2)                   |
| Common Stock \$.01 Par Value    |                                      |  |                                |   | 943   | I  | By Minor Son                      |
| Common Stock \$.01              |                                      |  |                                |   | 943   | I  | By Son (3)                        |

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | Am or Nur of S |                |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------|----------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title          | Am or Nur of S |
| Non-Statutory Stock Option (right to buy) <u>(4)</u> | \$ 38.01   | 12/20/2007                           |  | A                              | 90,000  | 12/20/2010 12/20/2017                                    | Common Stock \$.01 Par Value                                | 90             |                |
| Non-Statutory Stock Option (right to buy) <u>(5)</u> | \$ 41.81   | 12/20/2007                           |  | A                              | 90,000  | 12/20/2010 12/20/2017                                    | Common Stock \$.01 Par Value                                | 90             |                |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                             |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                     | Other |
| MANDARICH DAVID D<br>4350 S. MONACO STREET<br>SUITE 500<br>DENVER, CO 80237 | X             |           | President, COO and Director |       |

## Signatures

David D.  
Mandarich 12/21/2007

\*\*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) Shares of restricted stock granted December 20, 2007 for no cash consideration pursuant to the Company's 2001 Equity Incentive Plan and a Restricted Stock Agreement. Pursuant to the Restricted Stock Agreement, the restrictions will lapse as to 33-1/3% of the shares on December 20, 2010, and cumulatively as to an additional 33-1/3% on each of December 20, 2011 and 2012.

(2) Shares are held in Reporting Person's 401(k) Savings Plan account which changes on a daily basis.

(3) Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares.

(4) Granted on December 20, 2007 under the Company's 2001 Equity Incentive Plan. This option vests as to 33-1/3% of the shares covered thereby on December 20, 2010, and cumulatively as to an additional 33-1/3% on each of December 20, 2011 and 2012. These options were granted at the December 20, 2007 market close price.

(5) Granted on December 20, 2007 under the Company's 2001 Equity Incentive Plan. This option vests as to 33-1/3% of the shares covered thereby on December 20, 2010, and cumulatively as to an additional 33-1/3% on each of December 20, 2011 and 2012. These options were granted at 110% of the December 20, 2007 market close price.

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