

MDC PARTNERS 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 *
Sabatino Michael

(Last) (First) (Middle)
C/O MDC PARTNERS INC., 950
THIRD AVENUE
(Street)

NEW YORK NY 10022

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
03/30/2007

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 below) ___ Other (specify below)
SVP & Chief Accounting Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
X Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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) |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (D) | Price |
| Class A Subordinate Voting Shares | | | | | 35,458 ⁽¹⁾ | D | |
| Class A Subordinate Voting Shares | 03/30/2007 | | S | | 8,952 | D | \$ 7.77 |

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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) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Stock Appreciation Rights ⁽²⁾ | \$ 9.52 | | | | | 04/01/2006 - 03/30/2009 | Class A Subordinate Voting Shares | 50,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Sabatino Michael C/O MDC PARTNERS INC. 950 THIRD AVENUE NEW YORK NY 10022 | | | SVP & Chief Accounting Officer | |

Signatures

/s/ Michael Sabatino 04/03/2007

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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Includes 25,000 Financial Performance-Based Restricted Stock (Class A Shares) ("FPB Restricted Stock") of the Issuer, awarded February 28, 2006 and 14,006 FPB Restricted Stock awarded March 20, 2007. 12,500 Shares of the February 2006 grant were deemed to have fully vested on March 15, 2007. The remaining portion may vest in 2008 and/or 2009 if the Issuer achieves specified financial performance targets in 2007 - 2008, and is dependent upon continued employment. With respect to the March 2007 grant, the performance-based vesting period extends over 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010, and is also based on financial targets and continued employment. Such financial targets are set forth in a "Financial Performance-Based Restricted Stock Agreement", a form of which was filed by the Issuer as an exhibit to a Form 8-K filed with the SEC on March 2, 2006.

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- (2) Stock Appreciation Rights (previously granted on November 17, 2004) vest 1/3 on each anniversary of the grant date, expire four years from the grant date, and may be settled in cash or stock at the discretion of the Issuer.

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