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FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE Washington, D.C. 20549						NGE C	OMMISSION	OMB Number:	3235-0287		
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obligations may continue. See InstructionSection 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 19401(b).30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940											
(Print or Type]	Responses)										
MANDARICH DAVID D Symbol				r Name and Ticker or Trading				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last)					-	.120	1	(Check all applicable)			
				/Day/Year) /2012				_X_ Director10% Owner _X_ Officer (give titleOther (specify below) below) President, COO and Director			
Filed(Mo				endment, Date Original nth/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 			
DENVER,								Person		1 0	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tabl	e I - Non-D			-	uired, Disposed of	, or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Ionth/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)			4. Securiti on(A) or Dis (Instr. 3, 4	sposed	of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Common				Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)			
Stock \$.01 Par Value	08/03/2012			М	25,000	А	\$ 21.39	3,058,260	D		
Common Stock \$.01 Par Value	08/03/2012			S	24,900	D	\$ 31.94 (1)	3,033,360	D		
Common Stock \$.01 Par Value	08/03/2012			S	100	A	\$ 32.58	3,033,260	D		
Common Stock \$.01								3,471	Ι	By 401(k) Savings	

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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. Transactiv Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisab Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year		7. Title and An Underlying Sec (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	A Title N C
Non-Statutory Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 21.39	08/03/2012		М	25,000	11/18/2005 <u>(3)</u>	11/18/2012	Common Stock \$.01 Par Value

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

David D. Mandarich 08/06/2012 <u>**</u>Signature of Date Reporting Person

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) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$31.51 to \$32.41, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to M.D.C. Holdings, Inc., any security holder of M.D.C. Holdings, Inc., or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each

Plan (2)

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separate price within the ranges set forth in this footnote.

- (2) Shares are held in Reporting Person's 401(k) Savings Plan account which changes on a daily basis.
- (3) This option, under the Company's 2001 Equity Incentive Plan, became exercisable as to 25% of the shares covered thereby on November 18, 2005 and as to 75% of the shares covered thereby on November 18, 2006.

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