MANDARICH DAVID D

Form 4

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * MANDARICH DAVID D			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol MDC HOLDINGS INC [MDC]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)			
4350 S. MONACO STREET, SUITE 500			(Month/Day/Year) 08/06/2012	_X_ Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) President, COO and Director			
(Street) DENVER, CO 80237			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tabla I - Non-Darivativa Sacuritias Ac	quired Disposed of ar Reposicially Owned			

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	e I - Non-I	Derivative S	Securi	ities Acqu	iired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)			Securities O Beneficially Fe Owned (I Following In	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock \$.01 Par Value	08/06/2012		M	71,625	A	\$ 21.39	3,104,885	D	
Common Stock \$.01 Par Value	08/06/2012		S	71,625	D	\$ 31.69 (1)	3,033,260	D	
Common Stock \$.01 Par Value							3,471	I	By 401(k) Savings Plan (2)

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of or 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 An Underlying Sec (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	A C N
Non-Statutory Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 21.39	08/06/2012		M	71,625	11/18/2005(3)	11/18/2012	Common Stock \$.01 Par Value	,

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Director 10% Owner Officer Other

MANDARICH DAVID D 4350 S. MONACO STREET **SUITE 500**

X President, COO and Director

DENVER, CO 80237

Signatures

David

D.Mandarich 08/07/2012 **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).
- The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$31.17 to \$32.02, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to M.D.C. Holdings, Inc., any security holder of M.D.C. Holdings, Inc., **(1)** or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each 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.
- Represents a stock option under the Company's 2011 Stock Option Plan for Non-Employee Directors, which meets all of the requirements **(3)** under Rule 16b-3.

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