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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Siegel David

(First)

(Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Middle)

MDC HOLDINGS INC [MDC]

(Check all applicable)

4350 SOUTH MONACO

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 08/01/2012

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

STREET, SUITE 500

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

DENVER, CO 80237

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

3. Execution Date, if Code

4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A) or Code V Amount (D) Price

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

(Month/Day/Year)

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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 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Security or Exercise any

5. Number of **TransactionDerivative** Code Securities

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed or (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	f			
				Code V	(A) (D) Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Non Statutory Stock Option (right to buy) (1)	\$ 31.77	08/01/2012		A	25,000	02/01/2013	08/01/2022	Common Stock \$.01 Par Value	25,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Siegel David 4350 SOUTH MONACO STREET SUITE 500 DENVER, CO 80237	X					

Signatures

Joseph H. Fretz, Attorney-in-Fact 08/01/2012

**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) Represents a stock option under the Company's 2011 Stock Option Plan for Non-Employee Directors, which meets all of the requirements under Rule 16b-3.

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