MANDARICH DAVID D

Form 4

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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

(Last)

(City)

Security

(Instr. 3)

(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]

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

4350 S. MONACO STREET, SUITE 12/30/2010

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

(Check all applicable)

President, COO and Director

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

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(First)

(Middle)

(Zip)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

(Street) 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

Person

Issuer

DENVER, CO 80237

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

(State)

(Month/Day/Year)

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

(Instr. 8)

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

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

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

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

Code V Amount (D) Price

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 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 4. 5. Number of 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Amou Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction Derivative Expiration Date Underlying Secur Security or Exercise any Code Securities (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	•			
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Am or Nur of S
Non-Statutory Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 28.86	12/30/2010		A	90,000	12/30/2013	12/30/2020	Common Stock \$.01 Par Value	90
Non-Statutory Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 31.75	12/30/2010		A	90,000	12/30/2013	12/30/2020	Common Stock \$.01 Par Value	90

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

David D.

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**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).
- Granted on December 30, 2010 under the Company's 2001 Equity Incentive Plan. This option vests as to 33-1/3% of the shares covered (1) thereby on December 30, 2013 and cumulatively as to an additional 33-1/3% on each of December 30, 2014 and 2015. This option was granted at the December 30, 2010 market close price.
- Granted on December 30, 2010 under the Company's 2001 Equity Incentive Plan. This option vests as to 33-1/3% of the shares covered (2) thereby on December 30, 2013, and cumulatively as to an additional 33-1/3% on each of December 31, 2014 and 2015. This option was granted at 110% of the December 30, 2010 market close price.

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