#### MDC HOLDINGS INC

Form 4 July 20, 2005

## FORM 4

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

Washington, D.C. 20549

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may continue. See Instruction

**SECURITIES** Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,

Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

MDC HOLDINGS INC [MDC]

Symbol

1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*

**BUCHWALD HERBERT T** 

(Print or Type Responses)

				MDC HOLDINGS INC [MDC]			(Check all applicable)				
(Last) (First) (Middle) 4350 S. MONACO STREET, SUITE 500			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 07/19/2005					_X_ Director Officer (g below)		10% Owner Other (specify	
(Street) DENVER, CO 80237			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			
	(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tal	ble I - Non	-Derivativ	e Secu	ırities Ac	quired, Disposed	d of, or Benef	icially Owned
	1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deeme Execution I any (Month/Da	Date, if	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securition(A) or Dis (Instr. 3, 4)	sposed	of (D)	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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
	Stock \$.01 par value	07/19/2005			M	20,000	A	\$ 23.08	20,000	D	
	Common Stock \$.01 par value	07/19/2005			J	20,000	D	\$ 0	20,000	I	Shareholder of S-Corporation (2)
	Common Stock \$.01 par value	07/19/2005			S	20,000	D	\$ 87.4 (1)	0	I	Shareholder of S-Corporation (3)

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

Estimated average

burden hours per

Common Stock

Stock \$01 par 17,398 I  $\frac{\text{Member of }}{\text{LLC}} \frac{(4)}{(4)}$ 

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 orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amot Underlying Secur (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Am or Nur of S
Non-Statutory Stock Option	\$ 23.08	07/19/2005		M	20,000	10/28/2002	10/01/2012	Common Stock \$.01 par value	39

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			

BUCHWALD HERBERT T 4350 S. MONACO STREET, SUITE 500 X DENVER, CO 80237

#### **Signatures**

Joseph H. Fretz, Attorney-in-Fact

\*\*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) Shares sold at an average sales price of \$87.40 per share. See Table of Transactions attached hereto for details of sales.

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- (2) Shares transferred to an S-Corporation in which the Reporting Person is the sole shareholder.
- (3) Shares owned by an S-Corporation in which the Reporting Person is the sole shareholder.
- (4) Shares owned by a limited liability company in which the Reporting Person is a managing member.
- (5) Represents a stock option under the Company's Stock Option Plan for Non-Employee Directors which meets all of the requirements under Rule 16b-3.

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