MIZEL LARRY A

Form 4 March 30, 2010

FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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obligations

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person
MIZEL LADDY V

(Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

MDC HOLDINGS INC [MDC]

(Check all applicable)

(Last)

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

_X__ Director X__ 10% Owner _X__ Officer (give title _ Other (specify

below)

500

4350 S. MONACO STREET, SUITE 03/01/2010

Chairman of the Board and CEO

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

DENVER, CO 80237

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-l	Derivative S	Securit	ies Acqui	red, Disposed of	, 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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securitie omr Disposed (Instr. 3, 4	d of (E))	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)
Common Stock \$.01 Par Value	03/01/2010		J <u>(1)</u>	594,000	D	\$ 22.75 (2)	6,000	I	By CLCD No. 2, LLC (3)
Common Stock \$.01 Par Value	03/01/2010		J <u>(1)</u>	297,000	A	\$ 22.75 (2)	297,000	I	By CLCD Trust No. 2 fbo Courtney Mizel Green (4)
Common Stock \$.01 Par Value	03/01/2010		J <u>(1)</u>	297,000	A	\$ 22.75 (2)	297,000	I	By CLCD Trust No. 2 fbo

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Common Stock \$.01 Par Value	180,000	D	
Common Stock \$.01 Par Value	3,183	I	401(k) Plan (5)
Common Stock \$.01 Par Value	1,362,214	I	By CGM Capital LLC (6)
Common Stock \$.01 Par Value	4,352,837	I	By ARI Capital Partners, LLLP (7)

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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.		5.	6. Date Exer	cisable and	7. Tit	le and	8. Price of
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transa	ictioi	Number	Expiration D	ate	Amou	unt of	Derivative
Security	or Exercise		any	Code		of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Unde	rlying	Security
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr.	8)	Derivative	e		Secur	rities	(Instr. 5)
	Derivative					Securities			(Instr	. 3 and 4)	
	Security					Acquired					
	-					(A) or					
						Disposed					
						of (D)					
						(Instr. 3,					
						4, and 5)					
										Amount	
							Date	Expiration		or	
							Exercisable	Date	Title	Number	
							Lacicisable	Dute		of	
				Code	V	(A) (D)				Shares	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
. 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
MIZEL LARRY A 4350 S. MONACO STREET SUITE 500	X	X	Chairman of the Board and CEO				

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Signatures

Joseph H. Fretz, Attorney-in-Fact

03/30/2010

**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).
- On March 1, 2010, in connection with estate planning, Reporting Person transferred 4,950 Class B LLC units of CLCD No. 2, LLC ("CLCD2") to each of two trusts for the benefit of his adult children. Reporting Person's spouse is the trustee of each of the trusts.
- The aggregate purchase price for the 4,950 units transferred to each trust was \$6,756,750, subject to final adjustment based upon a qualified business appraisal. The purchase price was paid partly in cash and partly by a non-recourse promissory note which is secured by the units transferred.
- (3) Reporting Person may be deemed to have beneficial ownership of these shares held by CLCD2. The sole manager of CLCD2 is Reporting Person's spouse. Reporting Person's spouse has a 1% equity interest in CLCD2.
- (4) Reporting Person may be deemed to have beneficial ownership of these shares held by this trust. The trustee of this trust is Reporting Person's spouse. The beneficiary of this trust is Reporting Person's adult child.
- (5) Shares are held in Reporting Person's 401(k) Savings Plan account which changes on a daily basis.
- Reporting Person may be deemed to have beneficial ownership of these shares held by CGM Capital LLC ("CGM Capital"). The sole manager of CGM Capital is CVentures, Inc., a corporation ("CVentures"). A trust, of which Reporting Person's spouse is the sole beneficiary, is the only other member of CGM Capital, and has a 99.98% equity interest in CGM Capital. Reporting Person is a trustee of this trust.
 - Reporting Person may be deemed to have beneficial ownership of these shares held by ARI Capital Partners, LLLP ("Ari Capital"). The sole general partner of Ari Capital is CVentures. Reporting Person is the beneficiary of various trusts which own 50.6885% of the stock
- (7) of CVentures. Also, Reporting Person is a director and president of CVentures and may be deemed to control the other 49.3115% of the common stock of CVentures. A trust, of which Reporting Person is the sole beneficiary, is the sole limited partner of Ari Capital, and has a 99.85% partnership interest in Ari Capital. Reporting Person and Reporting Person's spouse are trustees of the trust.

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