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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Gendel Mitchell

(Street)

(State)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

MDC PARTNERS INC [MDCA]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Last)

FIFTH AVENUE

(City)

(First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

(Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner

Gen. Counsel & Corp. Secretary

C/O MDC PARTNERS INC., 745

(Zip)

02/14/2012

X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

NEW YORK, NY 10151

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3)

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

5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Securities Form: Direct Indirect Beneficially (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership Owned Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported

D

(A) or Amount

Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4) Price

Class A Shares

(D) 87,255 (1)

\$0

Restricted

Stock (Class 02/14/2012

Α 19.111 A

 $106,366 \stackrel{(1)}{=} \stackrel{(2)}{=} D$

A Shares)

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 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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)			7. Title and A Underlying Se (Instr. 3 and 4	ecurities
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number Shares
Stock Appreciation Rights (3)	\$ 3.72					02/12/2010	02/12/2014	Class A Shares	125,94
Extraordinary Equity Value Appre. Restricted Stock Awards	<u>(4)</u>					<u>(4)</u>	12/31/2013	Restricted Stock	45,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Gendel Mitchell C/O MDC PARTNERS INC. 745 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10151

Gen. Counsel & Corp. Secretary

Signatures

/s/ Mitchell 02/15/2012 Gendel 02/15/2012

**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).
- (1) Includes shares of unvested Restricted Stock (Class A Shares) of the Issuer.
- All 19,111 shares of Restricted Stock (Class A Shares) of the Issuer awarded on February 14, 2012 will vest on the third anniversary of (2) issuance, subject to accelerated vesting in 2013 and/or 2014 if the Issuer achieves specified financial performance targets in 2012 and 2013, subject to the Reporting Person's continued employment.

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- (3) A total of 170,940 SARs were granted February 12, 2009, all of which are vested as of January 20, 2012 and all such SARs expire on February 12, 2014. These SARs may be settled in cash or stock, at the discretion of the Issuer.
- These Extraordinary Equity Value Appreciation Restricted Stock Awards ("EVARs") granted under the Issuer's EVARs program (previously disclosed by the Issuer on Form 8-K dated January 26, 2011) represent the right to receive shares of Restricted Stock on a one-to-one basis upon the Issuer's achievement of stock price targets equal to \$20.00 (15,000 EVARs), \$22.75 (15,000 EVARs) and \$26.25 (15,000 EVARs), as described in greater detail in the EVAR Letter Agreement.

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