

MDC HOLDINGS INC
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
BLACKFORD DAVID E

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
MDC HOLDINGS INC [MDC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
4350 S. MONACO STREET, SUITE 500

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/12/2013

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

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	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 Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code	V	Amount	Price		
Common Stock \$.01 Par Value	02/12/2013		M		15,000	\$ 34.74	A	D
Common Stock \$.01 Par Value	02/12/2013		S		10,000	\$ 40.05 (1)	D	D
Common Stock \$.01 Par Value	02/12/2013		S		5,000	\$ 40.8 (2)	D	D

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Am or Nur of S
Non-Statutory Stock Option (right to buy) (3)	\$ 34.74	02/12/2013		M	15,000	10/01/2009 10/01/2019	Common Stock \$\$.01 Par Value	15

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BLACKFORD DAVID E 4350 S. MONACO STREET SUITE 500 DENVER, CO 80237	X			

Signatures

David E.
Blackford

02/13/2013

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$39.79 to \$40.27, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to M.D.C. Holdings, Inc., any security holder of M.D.C. Holdings, Inc., or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the ranges set forth in footnotes to this Form 4.

(2) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$40.50 to \$41.06, inclusive.

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- (3) 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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