MDC HOLDINGS INC

Form 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

Stock \$.01

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person MIZEL LARRY A	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol MDC HOLDINGS INC [MDC]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
(Last) (First) (Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)		
3600 S YOSEMITE ST, STE 900	(Month/Day/Year) 10/14/2004	_X_ Director _X_ 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) Chairman of the Board and CEO		
(Street)	4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
DENVER, CO 80237	Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-	Derivative S	ecuri	ties Acqui	ired, Disposed of	, or Beneficia	lly 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 a	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	10/14/2004		M	119,615		\$ 10.63	4,106,083 (1)	D	
Common Stock \$.01 Par Value	10/14/2004		S	74,615	D	\$ 71.42	4,031,468 (1)	D	
Common Stock \$.01 Par Value							1,095,401 (1) (2)	I	Shares owned by spouse
Common							77,962 (1) (3)	I	Indirect

beneficial

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Par Value			owner
Common Stock \$.01 Par Value	484,000 <u>(1)</u> <u>(4)</u>	I	Indirect beneficial owner
Common Stock \$.01 Par Value	2,108 (5)	I	401(k) Savings Plan

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)	orDeri Secu Acqu Disp	umber of vative rities uired (A) or osed of (D) r. 3, 4, and	6. Date Exercis Expiration Dat (Month/Day/Y	e	7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Secu
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Ai Ni Sh
Non-Statutory Stock Option	\$ 10.63 (1)	10/14/2004		M		119,615	11/19/2000	11/19/2004	Common Stock \$.01 Par Value	2

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
• •	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
MIZEL LARRY A 3600 S YOSEMITE ST STE 900 DENVER, CO 80237	X	X	Chairman of the Board and CEO		

Signatures

Larry A. Mizel	10/15/2004
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date

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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) All share amounts, exercise prices and option grants have been adjusted to reflect the distribution of a 10% stock dividend on March 23, 2004.
- (2) Shares owned by the Reporting Person's spouse.
- Reporting Person may be deemed to be an indirect beneficial owner of these shares because he is the beneficiary of various trusts which own 50.6885% of the stock of CVentures, Inc., a corporation which controls the voting of these shares. In addition, Reporting Person owns 49.3115% of the common stock of CVentures, Inc. in his own name. The Reporting Person is a director and president of CVentures, Inc.
- Reporting person may be deemed to be an indirect beneficial owner of these shares because his spouse owns all of the voting units in CLCD LLC, a limited liability company that owns these shares. In addition, he is the beneficiary of various trusts which own 50.6885% of the stock of CVentures, Inc., a corporation which is the sole manager of CLCD LLC. Also, Reporting Person owns 49.3115% of the common stock of CVentures, Inc. in his own name and he is a director and president of CVentures, Inc.
- (5) Shares are held in Reporting Person's 401(k) Savings Plan account which changes on a monthly basis.
- (6) Granted on November 19, 1999 under the Company's Employee Equity Incentive Plan. This option vests as to 25% of the shares covered thereby on November 19, 2000 and cumulatively as to an additional 25% on each of November 19, 2001, 2002 and 2003.

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