

MDC HOLDINGS INC  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
 MANDARICH DAVID D

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)  
 07/19/2005

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 President, COO and Director

(Street)  
 DENVER, CO 80237

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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 or Price		
Common Stock \$.01 par value	07/19/2005		M		\$ 15.36	D	
Common Stock \$.01 par value	07/19/2005		S		\$ 87.43	D	
Common Stock \$.01 par value					1,886	I	Minor Children
Common Stock \$.01					2,802 <sup>(2)</sup>	I	401(k) Plan

par value

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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount
Non-Statutory Stock Option (3)	\$ 15.36	07/19/2005		M	125,499	12/01/2001 12/01/2005	Common Stock \$0.01 par value		1

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MANDARICH DAVID D 4350 S. MONACO STREET, SUITE 500 DENVER, CO 80237	X		President, COO and Director	

## Signatures

Joseph H. Fretz,  
Attorney-in-Fact

07/19/2005

\_\_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 price of \$87.43 per share. See Table of Transactions attached hereto for details of sales.

(2) Shares are held in Reporting Person's 401(k) Savings Plan account which changes on a monthly basis.

(3) Granted on December 1, 2000 under the Company's Employee Equity Incentive Plan. This option vests as to 25% of the shares covered thereby on December 1, 2001 and cumulatively as to an additional 25% on each of December 1, 2002, 2003 and 2004.

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