

MANDARICH DAVID D
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FORM 4

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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

(Last) (First) (Middle)

4350 S. MONACO STREET, SUITE 500

(Street)

DENVER, CO 80237

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/30/2005

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

President, COO and Director

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)

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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 Reported (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Transaction(s) Price		
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

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	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Non-Statutory Stock Option (right to buy) <u>(1)</u>	\$ 61.98	12/30/2005			A		90,000		12/30/2008 ⁽¹⁾	12/30/2015	Common Stock \$.01 Par Value
Non-Statutory Stock Option (right to buy) <u>(2)</u>	\$ 68.18	12/30/2005			A		90,000		12/30/2008 ⁽²⁾	12/30/2015	Common Stock \$.01 Par Value

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

01/03/2006

__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) Granted on December 30, 2005 under the Company's 2001 Equity Incentive Plan. This option vests as to 33-1/3% of the shares covered thereby on December 30, 2008; and cumulatively as to an additional 33-1/3% on each of December 30, 2009 and 2010. These options were granted at the December 30, 2005 market close price.

(2) Granted on December 30, 2005 under the Company's 2001 Equity Incentive Plan. This option vests as to 33-1/3% of the shares covered thereby on December 30, 2008; and cumulatively as to an additional 33-1/3% on each of December 30, 2009 and 2010. These options were granted at 110% of the December 30, 2005 market close price.

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