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 * 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)		(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)		
3600 S YOSEMITE STREET SUITE 900		EET	(Month/Day/Year) 07/18/2005	X Director 10% Owner Selfont (give title Other (specify below) President, COO and Director		
(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-l	Derivative S	Securit	ies Acqui	red, Disposed of	or Beneficial	ly 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. Securitie omr Dispose (Instr. 3, 4	d of (I and 5)	D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock \$.01 par value	07/18/2005		M	100,000	A	15.36 (1)	2,938,863	D	
Common Stock \$.01 par value	07/18/2005		S	100,000	D	\$ 87.41 (2)	2,838,863	D	
Common Stock \$.01 par value							1,886	I	Minor Children
Common Stock \$.01							2,802 (3)	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. 5. Number of TransactionDerivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amo Underlying Sect (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	5) (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Ai Ni Sh
Non-Statutory Stock Option	\$ 15.36	07/18/2005		M	100,000	12/01/2001	12/01/2005	Common Stock \$.01 par value	2

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
MANDARICH DAVID D 3600 S YOSEMITE STREET SUITE 900 DENVER, CO 80237	X		President, COO and Director				

Signatures

David D.

Mandarich 07/18/2005 **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) All share amounts, exercise prices and option grants have been adjusted to reflect a 1.3 for 1 stock split on January 10, 2005.
- (2) Shares sold at an average price of \$87.41 per share. See Table of Transactions attached hereto for details of sales.
- Shares are held in Reporting Person's 401(k) Savings Plan account which changes on a monthly basis.
- 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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