

MIZEL LARRY A
Form 4
August 16, 2012

FORM 4

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

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
MIZEL LARRY A

(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)
08/15/2012

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)

Chairman of the Board and CEO

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

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock \$.01 Par Value	08/15/2012		M	75,000 A	\$ 21.39 255,000	D	
Common Stock \$.01 Par Value	08/15/2012		S	75,000 D	\$ 32.28 (1) 180,000	D	
Common Stock \$.01 Par Value					5,012,737	I	By Ari Capital Partners, LLLP (2)
					3,507	I	

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Common Stock \$.01 Par Value			By 401(k) (3)
Common Stock \$.01 Par Value	1,362,214	I	By CGM Capital, LLLP (4)

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 An of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title An or Nu of
Non-Statutory Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 21.39	08/15/2012		M	75,000	11/18/2005(5) 11/18/2012	Commn Stock \$.01 Par Value

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MIZEL LARRY A 4350 S. MONACO STREET SUITE 500 DENVER, CO 80237	X	X	Chairman of the Board and CEO	

Signatures

Larry A. Mizel 08/16/2012

**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 \$31.90 to \$32.83, 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 this footnote.

(2) Reporting Person may be deemed to have beneficial ownership of the shares held by Ari Capital Partners, LLLP ("Ari Capital"). The sole general partner of Ari Capital is CVentures, Inc. ("CVentures"), a corporation, which has approximately a 1% partnership interest in Ari Capital. Reporting Person is the beneficiary of various trusts which own 50.6885% of the stock of CVentures. Also, Reporting Person is a director and president of CVentures and may be deemed to control the other 49.3115% of the common stock of CVentures. A trust, of which Reporting Person is the sole beneficiary, is the sole limited partner of Ari Capital, and has approximately a 99% partnership interest in Ari Capital. Reporting Person and Reporting Person's spouse are trustees of the trust.

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

(4) Reporting Person may be deemed to have beneficial ownership of these shares held by CGM Capital LLLP ("CGM Capital"). The general partner of CGM Capital is CVentures, Inc. ("CVentures"), and has a 1% equity interest in CGM Capital. A trust, of which Reporting Person's spouse is the sole beneficiary, is the limited partner of CGM Capital, and has a 99% equity interest in CGM Capital. Reporting Person is a trustee of this trust.

(5) This option, under the Company's 2001 Equity Incentive Plan, became exercisable as to 25% of the shares covered thereby on November 18, 2005 and as to 75% of the shares covered thereby on November 18, 2006.

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