MDC HOLDINGS INC Form 4 December 09, 2002

| FORM 4 |

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

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

(Print or Type Responses) Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exch Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Mandarich, David D. | 1 | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol M.D.C. Holdings, Inc. / MDC | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|-------------|--------------------|------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 3600 S. Yosemite St, #900 | Numb | Number of Reporting Person Mo if an entity (voluntary) | | | | | Statement for Month/Day/Year December 9, 2002 | | |
| (Street) | | | | | l Dat | | ment, Original ay/Year) | 7. Indi | |
| | | | | | | | 1 | _X_ For | |
| Denver, Colorado 80237 | | | | | | | | 1 1/6 | |
| (City) (State) (Zip) | | Table : | I – Noi | n-Der | ivative Se | curiti | es Acqui | red, Dispose | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr.3) | action Date (Month/ | Execu- tion Date, if any (Month/ Day/ Year) | act: Code (Inst: Code | ion e | Disposed (Instr.3) | d (A) (d of (I), 4 and (A) (A) (A) (A) (B) (D) | or D) d 5) Price | 5.Amount of Securities Beneficial Owned Following Reported Transactio | |
| | 12/09/02 | | G | i i | 4,800 | D | ! | 1,727,35 | |
| | 12/09/02 | | G | i i | 1,200 | l A | İ | 1,200 | |
| | | | | | | | | 1,530 (<u>;</u> | |

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| 1. Title of 2. Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | ver- sion or | action Date (Month/ | Execu- tion | act | - | 5. Number | of | | | 7. |
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| | () [| Day/ Year) | if any (Month/ Day/ | (Instr | de | Securit Acquire or Disp of (D) | ties ed (A) | , convertible securi | | |
| | Deriv- ative Secur- ity | i i | Day/ Year) | | V | | (D) | | Expira- tion Date | |
| Non-Statutory Stock Opt (1) | \$12.86 | | | | | | | | 11/19/04 | Cc Cc St Pa |
| Non-Statutory | \$14.93 | | , | | | ' ' | | | 11/20/03 | |
| Incentive | \$ 9.41 | | | - | | | | 12/01/98 - | 12/01/03 | - |
| Non-Statutory Stock Opt (4) | \$24.17 | | | ' . | | | | 12/01/01 | 12/01/05 | |
| Non-Statutory Stock Opt (5) | | | | - | | | | 11/19/02 | 11/19/11 | - |
| Non-Statutory | \$33.65 | | | | | | | 11/18/04 | 11/18/07 | |
| Non-Statutory | İ | | | | | | | 11/18/05 | 11/18/12 | |
| (CONTINUED) | | Table II | | | | _ | _ | sed of, or B | | _ |
| 9. Number of Der Beneficially Reported Tran | Owned Fo | ollowing | İ | Secur | rity: | p Form of I : Direct (I : (I) (Instr | D) or | ; 11 | l. Nature | 01 |

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|-----|---------|---|-----------|
| | 121,000 | D | |
| | 35,196 | D | |
| | 181,500 | D | |
| | 275,000 | D | |
| | 125,000 | D | |
| | 125,000 | D | |
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Explanation of Responses: SEE FOOTNOTES ON PAGE 3

For: David D. Mandarich

By: /S/ Joseph H. Fretz

Joseph H. Fretz Attorney-in-Fact

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- * 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).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

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- (y) Shares are held in Reporting Person's 401(k) Savings Plan account which changes on
- (1) Granted on November 19, 1999 under the Company's Employee Equity Incentive Pla 25% of the shares covered thereby on November 19, 2000 and cumulatively as to an November 19, 2001, 2002 and 2003.
- (2) Granted on November 20, 1998 under the Company's Employee Equity Incentive Pla 25% of the shares covered thereby on November 20, 1999 and cumulatively as to an November 20, 2000, 2001 and 2002.
- (3) Granted on December 1, 1997 under the Company's Employee Equity Incentive Pla

25% of the shares covered thereby on December 1, 1998 and cumulatively as to an December 1, 1999, 2000 and 2001.

- (4) Granted on December 1, 2000 under the Company's Employee Equity Incentive Pla 25% of the shares covered thereby on December 1, 2001 and cumulatively as to an December 1, 2002, 2003 and 2004.
- (5) Granted on December 10, 2001 (effective November 19, 2001) under the Companies. Plan. This option vests as to 25% of the shares covered thereby on November 19, to an additional 25% on each of November 19, 2003, 2004 and 2005.
- (6) Granted on November 18, 2002 under the Company's Employee Equity Incentive Pl 25% of the shares covered thereby on November 18, 2004; 25% of the shares covered and 50% of the shares covered thereby on November 18, 2006.
- (7) Granted on November 18, 2002 under the Company's 2001 Equity Incentive Plan. The the shares covered thereby on November 18, 2005; and 75% of the shares covered the