MDC HOLDINGS INC

Form 4

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1(b).

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * BLACKFORD DAVID E			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol MDC HOLDINGS INC [MDC]				·6	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction					k all applicable			
4350 S. MC 500	(Month/Day/Year) 02/08/2013					X Director Officer (give below)		Owner er (specify			
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check				
	Filed(Month/Day				th/Day/Year)				Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person		
DENVER,						Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
(City)	(State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned							ly Owned			
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Dat (Month/Day/Year)	Execution any		Code (Instr.		4. Securit n(A) or Dis (Instr. 3, 4	sposed	of (D)	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	02/08/2013			M	•	25,000	A	\$ 31.77	33,550	D	
Common Stock \$.01	02/08/2013			S		25,000	D	\$ 38.26	8,550	D	

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

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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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amou Underlying Secur (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Am or Nur of S
Non-Statutory Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 31.77	02/08/2013		M	25,000	02/01/2012	08/10/2022	Common Stock \$.01 Par Value	25

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
•	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
BLACKFORD DAVID E 4350 S. MONACO STREET SUITE 500 DENVER, CO 80237	X					

Signatures

David E.
Blackford

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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- * 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).
- The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$37.90 to \$38.61, 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) Represents a stock option under the Company's Stock Option Plan for Non-Employee Directors which meets all of the requirements under Rule 16b-3.

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