BLACKFORD DAVID E

Form 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction

1(b).

(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]					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
(Last) 4350 S. MC 500	(First) ONACO STREE	(Middle) T, SUITE	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)				(Check all applicable) _X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)			
	(Street)			ndment, Date Original hth/Day/Year)				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person _Form filed by More than One Reporting		
DENVER,						Person				
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tabl	e I - Non-I	Derivative S	Securi	ities Acqu	uired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Dat (Month/Day/Year)) Execution any	ned n Date, if Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit on(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	08/02/2017			M	26,250	A	\$ 29.74	40,928	D	
Common Stock \$.01 Par Value	08/02/2017			S	26,250	D	\$ 36.11 (1)	14,678	D	

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. Transactic 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)	\$ 29.74	08/02/2017		M	26,250	02/01/2014	08/01/2023	Common Stock \$.01 Par Value	26

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

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).
- The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. The shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$35.80 to \$36.39, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide 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 2011 Stock Option Plan for Non-Employee Directors, which meets all of the requirements under Rule 16b-3.

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