BUCHWALD HERBERT T

Form 4

August 01, 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**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

BUCHWALD HERBERT T

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

MDC HOLDINGS INC [MDC]

(First) (Middle) (Last)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

4350 S. MONACO STREET, SUITE 08/01/2012

500

4. If Amendment, Date Original (Street)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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Applicable Line)

X_ Director

Officer (give title

DENVER, CO 80237

3. 4. Securities 5. Amount of

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

(City)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

(State)

(Zip)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

TransactionAcquired (A) or Code (Instr. 8)

Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Securities Beneficially Owned Following

Reported

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

Issuer

below)

Form: Direct (I) (Instr. 4)

6. Ownership

7. Nature of Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

10% Owner

Other (specify

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

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(Check all applicable)

Estimated average

burden hours per

Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

(A)

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

2. Conversion or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any

5. Number of **Transaction**Derivative Code Securities

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amou Underlying Secur (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr.	8)	Acquired (or Dispose (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	ed of				
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Am or Nur of S
Non-Statutory Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 31.77	08/01/2012		A		25,000		02/01/2013	08/01/2022	Common Stock \$.01 Par Value	25

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
• 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
BUCHWALD HERBERT T 4350 S. MONACO STREET SUITE 500 DENVER, CO 80237	X						

Signatures

Joseph H. Fretz, Attorney-in-Fact

**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).
- (1) 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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