MDC HOLDINGS INC

Form 4

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FORM 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

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

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

MDC HOLDINGS INC [MDC]

(Check all applicable)

(Last)

(First)

(Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

X Director _X_ 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title ____ Other (specify

Chairman of the Board and CEO

4350 S. MONACO STREET, SUITE 09/08/2008

(Street)

500

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/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

Person

below)

DENVER, CO 80237

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - No	on-I	Derivative S	ecurit	ies Acqui	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transa Code (Instr.		4. Securitie onor Dispose (Instr. 3, 4	d of (Ľ))	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	09/08/2008		Code	V	Amount 300,000	(D)	Price \$ 42.68 (1)		I	By ARI Capital Partners LLLP (2)
Common Stock \$.01 Par Value	09/08/2008		G	V	200,000	D	\$ 0	4,952,837	I	By ARI Capital Partners LLLP (2)
Common Stock \$.01 Par Value								60,000	D	

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Common Stock \$.01 Par Value	3,008 (3)	I	401(k) Plan
Common Stock \$.01 Par Value	1,362,214	I	By CGM Capital LLC (4)

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

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 $\label{thm:convergence} \begin{tabular}{ll} Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned \\ (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) \end{tabular}$

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. Transac Code (Instr. 8	5. tionNumber of) Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		ate	7. Titl Amou Under Secur (Instr.	int of rlying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	
				Code '	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
1	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	09/09/2008		
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date		

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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) Shares sold at an average sale price of \$42.68 per share. See Table of Transactions attached hereto for details of sales.
 - Reporting Person may be deemed to have beneficial ownership of these shares held by ARI Capital Partners, LLLP ("ARI Capital"). The sole general partner of ARI Capital is CVentures, Inc. ("CVentures"), a corporation. Reporting Person is the beneficiary of various trusts
- (2) 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 a 99.85% partnership interest in ARI Capital as a result of such contribution. Reporting Person is a trustee of this trust.
- (3) Shares are held in Reporting Person's 401(k) Savings Plan account, as of August 29, 2008, which changes on a daily basis.
- Reporting Person may be deemed to have beneficial ownership of these shares held by CGM Capital LLC ("CGM Capital"). The sole (4) manager of CGM Capital is CVentures. A trust, of which Reporting Person's spouse is the sole beneficiary, is the only other member of
- (4) manager of CGM Capital is CVentures. A trust, of which Reporting Person's spouse is the sole beneficiary, is the only other member of CGM Capital, and has a 99.98% equity interest in CGM Capital. Reporting Person is a trustee of this trust.

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