#### MDC HOLDINGS INC

Form 4

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# FORM 4

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

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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Stock \$.01

Par Value

Common

Stock \$.01

Par Value

02/27/2008

(Print or Type Responses)

	1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * REECE PARIS G III		2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol MDC HOLDINGS INC [MDC]				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)				
<b>~</b>											
(Last) 4350 S. MO 500	(First) (	(Month	of Earliest T n/Day/Year) /2008	ransaction			Director X Officer (give below) EVP, CFC		Owner er (specify		
	(Street) 4. If A			If Amendment, Date Original				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
DENVER, O	CO 80237	Ionth/Day/Yea	r)			Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
(City)	(State)	(Zip) Ta	ıble I - Non-l	Derivative S	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned		
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit or(A) or Dis (Instr. 3, 4	sposed 4 and 3 (A) or	l of (D) 5)	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	02/27/2008		Code V M	Amount 28,314	(D)	Price \$ 26.56	283,085	D			
Common						\$					

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

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28,314 D

46.18 254,771

 $2,969 \cdot (2)$ 

(1)

D

I

401(k)

Plan

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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. 5. Number of Transactio Derivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) 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)	\$ 26.56	02/27/2008		M	28,314	04/07/2005	04/07/2008	Common Stock \$.01 Par Value	28

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

REECE PARIS G III 4350 S. MONACO STREET SUITE 500 DENVER, CO 80237

EVP, CFO, PrincAcctgOfficer

# **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) Shares sold at an average sale price of \$46.18 per share. See Table of Transactions attached hereto for details of sales.
- (2) Shares are held in Reporting Person's 401(k) Savings Plan account as of February 26, 2008 which changes on a daily basis.
  - Granted by Option Agreement executed April 11, 2003 under the Company's Employee Equity Incentive Plan. This option vests as to
- (3) 25% of the shares covered thereby on April 7, 2005; 25% of the shares covered thereby on April 7, 2006; and 50% of the shares covered thereby on April 7, 2007.

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