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## FORM 4

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1(b).

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and A Berman Mid	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol MDC HOLDINGS INC [MDC]					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)					
(Last)	(First) (I	Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction					400			
4350 S. MONACO STREET, SUITE 500			(Month/Day/Year) 09/06/2012					X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)			
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check				
Filed(Mo			Filed(Mor	lled(Month/Day/Year)					Applicable Line) _X_Form filed by One Reporting Person		
DENVER, CO 80237								Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tabl	e I - Non	-D	erivative S	Securi	ities Acqu	uired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Execution any		Code (Instr. 8		4. Securit (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	09/06/2012			M		25,000	A	\$ 29.03	35,000	D	
Common Stock \$.01	09/06/2012			S		20,000	D	\$ 35.87	15,000	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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of or Derivative 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)	\$ 29.03	09/06/2012		M	25,000	10/01/2010	10/01/2020	Common Stock \$.01 Par Value	25

### **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
<b>rg</b>	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Berman Michael A 4350 S. MONACO STREET SUITE 500 DENVER, CO 80237	X					

## **Signatures**

Michael A.
Berman

\*\*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. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$35.77 to \$36.08, 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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