

MIZEL LARRY A
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

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

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) (Middle)
4350 S. MONACO STREET, SUITE 500

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/30/2005

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
Chairman of the Board and CEO

(Street)
DENVER, CO 80237

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Code V Amount (D) Price | | |

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 (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Transaction Code | 5. Number of Derivative Securities | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|--|---|
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| (Instr. 3) | Price of Derivative Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title |
|---|------------------------------------|------------------|------------|--|------|---|--------|-----|---------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Non-Statutory Stock Option (right to buy) <u>(1)</u> | \$ 61.98 | 12/30/2005 | | | A | | 90,000 | | 12/30/2008 ⁽¹⁾ | 12/30/2015 | Common Stock \$.01 Par Value |
| Non-Statutory Stock Option (right to buy) <u>(2)</u> | \$ 68.18 | 12/30/2005 | | | A | | 90,000 | | 12/30/2008 ⁽²⁾ | 12/30/2015 | Common Stock \$.01 Par Value |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------------------|-------|
| | 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

Joseph H. Fretz,
Attorney-in-Fact

01/03/2006

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) Granted on December 30, 2005 under the Company's 2001 Equity Incentive Plan. This option vests as to 33-1/3% of the shares covered thereby on December 30, 2008; and cumulatively as to an additional 33-1/3% on each of December 30, 2009 and 2010. These options were granted at the December 30, 2005 market close price.

(2) Granted on December 30, 2005 under the Company's 2001 Equity Incentive Plan. This option vests as to 33-1/3% of the shares covered thereby on December 30, 2008; and cumulatively as to an additional 33-1/3% on each of December 30, 2009 and 2010. These options were granted at 110% of the December 30, 2005 market close price.

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