MDC HOLDINGS INC

Form 4

December 21, 2007

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * MANDARICH DAVID D			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
			MDC HOLDINGS INC [MDC]	(Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction			
			(Month/Day/Year)	X Director 10% Owner		
4350 S. MONACO STREET, SUITE 500			12/20/2007	_X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)		
300				President, COO and Director		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
			Filed(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)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Ac	anired. Disposed of, or Reneficially Owner		

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1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of Code (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(msu. +)	(IIIsu. 4)
Common Stock \$.01 Par Value	12/20/2007		A	60,000 (1)	A	\$0	2,894,863	D	
Common Stock \$.01 Par Value							3,004	I	401(K) Plan (2)
Common Stock \$.01 Par Value							943	Ι	By Minor Son
Common Stock \$.01							943	I	By Son (3)

Par Value

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 onDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercise Expiration Date (Month/Day/Y	e	7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Secur
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Am or Nur of S
Non-Statutory Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 38.01	12/20/2007		A	90,000	12/20/2010	12/20/2017	Common Stock \$.01 Par Value	90
Non-Statutory Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 41.81	12/20/2007		A	90,000	12/20/2010	12/20/2017	Common Stock \$.01 Par Value	90

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
•	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
MANDARICH DAVID D 4350 S. MONACO STREET SUITE 500 DENVER, CO 80237	X		President, COO and Director			

Signatures

David D.	
Mandarich	12/21/2007
**Signature of	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).
- Shares of restricted stock granted December 20, 2007 for no cash consideration pursuant to the Company's 2001 Equity Incentive Plan (1) and a Restricted Stock Agreement. Pursuant to the Restricted Stock Agreement, the restrictions will lapse as to 33-1/3% of the shares on December 20, 2010, and cummulatively as to an additional 33-1/3% on each of December 20, 2011 and 2012.
- (2) Shares are held in Reporting Person's 401(k) Savings Plan account which changes on a daily basis.
- (3) Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares.
 - Granted on December 20, 2007 under the Company's 2001 Equity Incentive Plan. This option vests as to 33-1/3% of the shares covered
- (4) thereby on December 20, 2010, and cummulatively as to an additional 33-1/3% on each of December 20, 2011 and 2012. These options were granted at the December 20, 2007 market close price.
- Granted on December 20, 2007 under the Company's 2001 Equity Incentive Plan. This option vests as to 33-1/3% of the shares covered (5) thereby on December 20, 2010, and cumulatively as to an additional 33-1/3% on each of December 20, 2011 and 2012. These options were granted at 110% of the December 20, 2007 market close price.

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