MIZEL LARRY A Form 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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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 Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last) (First) (Middle)			MDC HOLDINGS INC [MDC]	(Check all applicable)			
			3. Date of Earliest Transaction				
			(Month/Day/Year)	X DirectorX 10% Owner			
4350 S. MONACO STREET, SUITE 500			04/27/2010	_X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)			
				Chairman of the Board and CEO			
	(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			
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\$.01 Par Value

(City)	(State)	${\bf (Zip)} \qquad \qquad {\bf Table~I-Non-Derivative~Securities~Acquired, Disposed~of, or~Beneficially~Owned}$									
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) onor Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or			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	04/27/2010		Code	V	Amount 4,000,000	(D)	Price	352,837	I	By ARI Capital Partners, LLLP (1)	
Common Stock \$.01 Par Value	04/27/2010		G	V	4,000,000	A	\$ 0	4,000,000	I	By Ari Investment Partners VII LLC (2)	
Common Stock								180,000	D		

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Common Stock \$.01 Par Value	6,000	I	By CLCD No. 2, LLC
Common Stock \$.01 Par Value	297,000	I	By CLCD Trust No. 2 fbo Courtney Mizel Green (4)
Common Stock \$.01 Par Value	297,000	I	By CLCD Tust No. 2 fbo Cheston Mizel (4)
Common Stock \$.01 Par Value	3,183	I	By 401(k)
Common Stock \$.01 Par Value	1,362,214	I	By CGM Capital LLC (6)

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

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transact Code (Instr. 8)	5. ionNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		ate	7. Titl Amou Under Secur (Instr.	int of lying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)
			Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

MIZEL LARRY A

4350 S. MONACO STREET X X Chairman of the Board and CEO SUITE 500

DENVER, CO 80237

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).

On April 27, 2010, ARI Capital Partners, LLLP ("Ari Capital") transferred 4,000,000 shares to Ari Investment Partners VII LLC ("Ari LLC"). Reporting Person may be deemed to have beneficial ownership of the shares held by Ari Capital. The sole general partner of Ari Capital is CVentures, Inc. ("CVentures"). Reporting Person is the beneficiary of various trusts which own 50.6885% of the stock of

- (1) 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. Reporting Person and Reporting Person's spouse are trustees of the trust.
- (2) Reporting Person may be deemed to have beneficial ownership of the shares held by Ari LLC. Ari Capital holds 100% of the outstanding LLC units in Ari LLC. CVentures is the sole manager of Ari LLC. See explanation (1) above.
- Reporting Person may be deemed to have beneficial ownership of 600,000 shares held by CLCD No. 2, LLC ("CLCD2"). The sole manager of CLCD2 is Reporting Person's spouse, who holds 100 Class A LLC units in CLCD No. 2, representing 6,000 shares. Two trusts for the benefit of Reporting Person's adult children (CLCD Trust No. 2 fbo Courtney Mizel Green and CLCD Trust No. 2 fbo Cheston Mizel) each hold 4,950 Class B LLC units in CLCD2, each representing 297,000 shares.
- (4) See explanation (3) above.
- (5) Shares are held in Reporting Person's 401(k) Savings Plan account 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 (6) 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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