Doft David B. Form 4 January 24, 2012

## FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

**SECURITIES** 

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* Doft David B.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

MDC PARTNERS INC [MDCA]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

Other (specify

Issuer

(Last)

(Middle)

(Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

01/20/2012

Director 10% Owner

C/O MDC PARTNERS INC., 745

FIFTH AVENUE

(Street)

(State)

(First)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

below) Chief Financial Officer 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X\_ Officer (give title

\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

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NEW YORK, NY 10151

(City)

(5)	()	Table 1 - 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 on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)  (A) or Amount (D) Price		f(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)
Class A Shares							1,000 (1)	I	See FN
Class A Shares	01/20/2012		F	13,950 Г	D \$	3.39	87,629 (2) (3)	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. Transact Code (Instr. 8)	5. ionNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	S		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number Shares
Stock Appreciation Rights (4)	\$ 3.72					02/12/2010	02/12/2014	Class A Shares	128,20
Extraordinary Equity Value Appre. Restricted Stock Awards	<u>(5)</u>					<u>(5)</u>	12/31/2013	Restricted Stock	45,000

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
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Doft David B. C/O MDC PARTNERS INC. 745 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10151

**Chief Financial Officer** 

### **Signatures**

(5)

/s/ David B.
Doft

\*\*Signature of Date

Signature of Reporting Person

### **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) Held in a UTMA account for benefit of a minor child of the Reporting Person.
- (2) Includes shares of unvested Restricted Stock (Class A Shares) of the Issuer.
- (3) A total of 33,870 shares of Restricted Stock (Class A Shares) granted in 2010 and 2011 vested on January 20, 2012. The Reporting Person elected to have a total of 13,950 Class A Shares withheld by the Issuer to satisfy tax withholding requirements.

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- (4) SARs granted February 12, 2009, all of which are vested as of January 20, 2012, and all expire on February 12, 2014. These SARs may be settled in cash or stock, at the discretion of the Issuer.
- (5) These Extraordinary Equity Value Appreciation Restricted Stock Awards ("EVARs") granted under the Issuer's EVARs program (previously disclosed by the Issuer on Form 8-K dated January 26, 2011) represent the right to receive shares of Restricted Stock on a one-to-one basis upon the Issuer's achievement of stock price targets equal to \$20.00 (15,000 EVARs), \$22.75 (15,000 EVARs) and \$26.25 (15,000 EVARs), as described in greater detail in the EVAR Letter Agreement.

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