

MDC HOLDINGS INC  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)

4350 S. MONACO STREET, SUITE 500

(Street)

DENVER, CO 80237

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
MDC HOLDINGS INC [MDC]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
02/02/2007

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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 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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | (D)  | Price   |
| Common Stock \$01 Par Value     | 02/02/2007                           |  | M                              |   | 146,625   | A  | \$ 21.39  |
| Common Stock \$01 Par Value     | 02/02/2007                           |  | S                              |   | 136,625   | D  | \$ 60.07<br><u>(1)</u>                                |
| Common Stock \$01 Par Value     |                                      |  |                                |   | 5,452,837   | I  |   |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   | 1,362,214   | I  |   |

By ARI  
Capital  
Partners  
LLLP (2)

|                                    |  |  |  |       |   |  |  |
|------------------------------------|--|--|--|-------|---|--|--|
| Common<br>Stock \$.01<br>Par Value |  |  |  |       |   |  | By CGM<br>Capital<br>LLC <sup>(3)</sup>  |
| Common<br>Stock \$.01<br>Par Value |  |  |  | 2,906 | I |  | 401(k)<br>Savings<br>Plan <sup>(4)</sup> |

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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)               | 2. Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4, and<br>5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount<br>Underlying Security<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |                                       |        |
|---|--|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|--|--|---------------------------------------|--------|
|   |  |   |   | Code                                 | V (A) (D)   | Date<br>Exercisable  | Expiration<br>Date   | Title                                 | Amount |
| Non-Statutory<br>Stock Option<br>(right to buy)<br><sup>(5)</sup> | \$ 21.39   | 02/02/2007                              |   | M                                    | 146,625   | 11/18/2004   | 11/18/2007   | Common<br>Stock<br>\$.01 Par<br>Value | 1      |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                               |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                       | Other |
| MIZEL LARRY A<br>4350 S. MONACO STREET<br>SUITE 500<br>DENVER, CO 80237 | X             | X         | Chairman of the Board and CEO |       |

## Signatures

Joseph H. Fretz,  
Attorney-in-Fact

02/02/2007

          \*\*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).

(1) Shares sold at an average sale price of \$60.0734 per share. See Table of Transactions attached hereto for details of sales.

Reporting Person may be deemed to have beneficial ownership of these shares held by ARI Capital Partners, LLLP ("Ari Capital"). The sole general partner of Ari Capital is CVentures, Inc. ("CVentures"), a corporation. Reporting Person is the beneficiary of various trusts which own 50.6885% of the stock of 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 as a result of such contribution. Reporting Person is a trustee of this trust.

Reporting Person may be deemed to have beneficial ownership of these shares held by CGM Capital LLC ("CGM Capital"). The sole 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.

(4) Shares are held in Reporting Person's 401(k) Savings Plan account as of January 30, 2007, which changes on a monthly basis.

Granted on November 18, 2002 under the Company's Employee Equity Incentive Plan. This option vests as to 25% of the shares covered thereby on November 18, 2004; 25% of the shares covered thereby on November 18, 2005; and 50% of the shares covered thereby on November 18, 2006.

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