

TOUFF MICHAEL
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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 *
TOUFF MICHAEL

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)
03/08/2012

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Sr VP and General Counsel

(Street)
DENVER, CO 80237

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
____ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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 Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount or (D) Price | | |
| Common Stock \$.01 Par Value | 03/08/2012 | | A | | 1,530 ⁽¹⁾ \$ 0 | D | |
| Common Stock \$.01 Par Value | | | | | 21,297 ⁽²⁾ | I | 401(k) Savings Plan |
| Common Stock \$.01 Par Value | | | | | 9,516 | I | IRA Rollover |

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 Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|---|
| Non-Statutory Stock Option (right to buy) (3) | \$ 24.5 | 03/08/2012 | | A | 25,000 | 03/08/2015 03/08/2022 | Common Stock \$01 Par Value | 25 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| TOUFF MICHAEL 4350 S. MONACO STREET SUITE 500 DENVER, CO 80237 | | | Sr VP and General Counsel | |

Signatures

Michael Touff 03/09/2012

**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).

- Shares of restricted stock granted on March 8, 2012 for no cash consideration pursuant to the Company's 2011 Equity Incentive Plan and
- (1) a Restricted Stock Agreement. Pursuant to the Restricted Stock Agreement, the restrictions will lapse as to 25% of the shares each of March 8, 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016.
 - (2) Shares are held in Reporting Person's 401(k) Savings Plan account which changes on a daily basis.
 - (3) Granted on March 8, 2012, under the Company's 2011 Equity Incentive Plan. The option will vest as to 33-1/3% of the shares covered thereby on each of March 8, 2015, 2016 and 2017. This option was granted at the March 8, 2012 market close price.

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