MDC HOLDINGS INC

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * BLACKFORD DAVID E			2. Issuer Symbol	Name and	Ticker or Trading	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
			MDC H	OLDING	S INC [MDC]	(Chec	ck all applicable	e)	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of	Earliest Tra	ansaction	(
			(Month/D	ay/Year)		_X_ Director	10%	6 Owner	
4350 S. MO	NACO STRE	ET, SUITE	02/22/20)17		Officer (give below)		er (specify	
500						below)	below)		
	(Street)		4. If Amer	ndment, Da	te Original	6. Individual or Jo	oint/Group Fili	ng(Check	
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Security	(Month/Day/Va	ear) Execution	n Date if	Transactio	or(A) or Disposed of (D)	Securities	Ownership	Indirect	

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1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)				5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)	
Stock \$.01 Par Value	02/22/2017		M	5,000	A	25.48 (1)	18,378 (1)	D	
Common Stock\$.01 Par Value	02/23/2017		S	5,000	D	\$ 29.18 (2)	13,378 (1)	D	
Common Stock \$.01 Par Value	02/23/2017		M	5,000	A	\$ 25.48 (1)	18,378 (1)	D	
Common Stock \$.01	02/23/2017		S	5,000	D	\$ 29.4 (3)	13,378 (1)	D	

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	Transaction Derivative Code Securities		(Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount Underlying Securiti (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amou or Numb of Share
Non-statutory Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 25.48 (1)	02/22/2017		M		5,000	02/01/2015	08/01/2024	Common Stock \$.01 Par Value	5,00
Non-statutory Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 25.48 (1)	02/23/2017		M		5,000	02/01/2015	08/01/2024	Common Stock \$.01 Par Value	5,00

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
Fg	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
BLACKFORD DAVID E 4350 S. MONACO STREET SUITE 500 DENVER, CO 80237	X					
Signatures						

David E.	02/23/201			
Blackford				
**Signature of	Date			

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- * 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) All share amounts and exercise prices have been adjusted to reflect the distribution of a five percent (5%) stock dividend on December 20, 2016.
- The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. The shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$29.12 to \$29.28, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide M.D.C. Holdings, Inc., any security holder of M.D.C. Holdings, Inc., or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the ranges set forth in this footnote.
- The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. The shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$29.38 to \$29.44, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide M.D.C. Holdings, Inc., any security holder of M.D.C. Holdings, Inc., or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the ranges set forth in this footnote.
- (4) Represents a stock option under the Company's 2011 Stock Option Plan for Non-Employee Directors, which meets all of the requirements under Rule 16b-3.

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