MDC HOLDINGS INC

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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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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

BUCHWALD HERBERT T		2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol MDC HOLDINGS INC [MDC]					S. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer					
(Last)	` '	(Middle)	3. Date (Month)	Date of Earliest Transaction Month/Day/Year)				(Check all applicable) _X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify				
3600 S. YOSEMITE STREET, SUITE 900			04/29/2005					below) below)				
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person				
DENVER, CO 80237								Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Ta	ble I - Nor	1-Derivati	ve Sec	urities A	s Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned				
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	e 2A. Deeme Execution I any (Month/Da	Date, if	Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securior(A) or D (Instr. 3,	ispose 4 and (A) or	ed of (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)		
Common Stock \$.01 Par Value	04/29/2005			M	9,457	A	\$ 15.35	9,457 (1)	D			
Common Stock \$.01 Par Value	04/29/2005			J	9,457	D	\$ 0	9,457	I	Shareholder of S-Corporation (3)		
Common Stock \$.01 Par Value	04/29/2005			S	5,000	D	\$ 65.21 (2)	4,457	I	Shareholder of S-Corporation (4)		

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17,399 I Member of LLC (5)

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)	5. Number on Derivati Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed o (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	e Expiration Da (Month/Day/Y	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amoun Underlying Securiti (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amor or Numl of Sh	
Non-Statutory Stock Option	\$ 15.35 (1)	04/29/2005		M	9,45	7 10/01/2001	10/01/2011	Common Stock \$.01 Par Value	9,4	
Non-Statutory Stock Option	\$ 23.08 (1)					10/28/2002	10/01/2012	Common Stock \$.01 Par Value	39,3	
Non-Statutory Stock Option	\$ 40.98 (1)					10/01/2003	10/01/2013	Common Stock \$.01 Par Value	35,7	
Non-Statutory Stock Option	\$ 57.66 (1)					10/01/2004	10/01/2014	Common Stock \$.01 Par Value	32,5	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			

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BUCHWALD HERBERT T 3600 S. YOSEMITE STREET SUITE 900 DENVER, CO 80237



Signatures

Joseph H. Fretz, Attorney-in-Fact

05/02/2005

**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) All share amounts, exercise prices and option grants have been adjusted to reflect a 1.3 for 1 stock split on January 10, 2005.
- Shares sold at an average sales price of \$65.21 per share pursuant to a single sale order. See Table of Transactions attached hereto for details of sales.
- (3) Shares transferred to an S-Corporation in which the Reporting Person is the sole shareholder.
- (4) Shares owned by an S-Corporation in which the Reporting Person is the sole shareholder.
- (5) Shares owned by a limited liability company in which the Reporting Person is a managing member.
- (6) Represents a stock option under the Company's Stock Option Plan for Non-Employee Directors which meets all of the requirements under Rule 16b-3.

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