

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)  
3600 S YOSEMITE ST, STE 900  
(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)  
10/15/2004

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)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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 or Price   |  |   |
| Common Stock \$.01 Par Value    | 10/15/2004                           |  | M                              |   | 100,000 A \$ 10.63  | 4,131,468  | D   |
| Common Stock \$.01 Par Value    | 10/15/2004                           |  | S                              |   | 45,000 D \$ 71.9  | 4,086,468  | D   |
| Common Stock \$.01 Par Value    |                                      |  |                                |   |   | 1,095,401 <sup>(1)</sup>                                 | I Shares owned by Spouse                              |
| Common Stock \$.01              |                                      |  |                                |   |   | 77,962 <sup>(2)</sup>                                    | I Indirect beneficial                                 |

|                              |                        |   |                           |
|------------------------------|------------------------|---|---------------------------|
| Par Value                    |                        |   | owner                     |
| Common Stock \$.01 Par Value | 484,000 <sup>(3)</sup> | I | Indirect beneficial owner |
| Common Stock \$.01 Par Value | 2,108 <sup>(4)</sup>   | I | 401(K) Savings Plan       |

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) |       |        |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------|--------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title | Amount |
| Non-Statutory Stock Option <sup>(5)</sup>  | \$ 10.63   | 10/15/2004                           |  | M                              | 100,000   | 11/19/2000 11/19/2004                                    | Common Stock \$.01 Par Value                                |       | 1      |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                     | Relationships |           |                               |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                       | Other |
| MIZEL LARRY A<br>3600 S YOSEMITE ST<br>STE 900<br>DENVER, CO 80237 | X             | X         | Chairman of the Board and CEO |       |

## Signatures

Larry A. Mizel                      10/15/2004  
 \*\*Signature of                      Date  
 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) Shares owned by the Reporting Person's spouse.

Reporting Person may be deemed to be an indirect beneficial owner of these shares because he is the beneficiary of various trusts which own 50.6885% of the stock of CVentures, Inc., a corporation which controls the voting of these shares. In addition, Reporting Person owns 49.3115% of the common stock of CVentures, Inc. in his own name. The Reporting Person is a director and president of CVentures, Inc.

Reporting Person may be deemed to be an indirect beneficial owner of these shares because his spouse owns all of the voting units in CLCD LLC, a limited liability company that owns these shares. In addition, he is the beneficiary of various trusts which own 50.6885% of the stock of CVentures, Inc., a corporation which is the sole manager of CLCD LLC. Also, Reporting Person owns 49.3115% of the common stock of CVentures, Inc. in his own name and he is a director and president of CVentures, Inc.

(4) Shares are held in Reporting Person's 401(K) Savings Plan account which changes on a monthly basis.

(5) Granted on November 19, 1999 under the Company's Employee Equity Incentive Plan. This option vests as to 25% of the shares covered thereby on November 19, 2000 and cumulatively as to an additional 25% on each of November 19, 2001, 2002 and 2003.

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