

REECE PARIS G III  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
REECE PARIS G III

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)  
3600 S. YOSEMITE STREET, SUITE 900  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
03/07/2005

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
EVP, CFO & Prin. Acctg Officer

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  
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(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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)			
			Code	V	Amount or (D) Price					
Common Stock \$.01 Par Value	03/07/2005		M		60,000 <sup>(1)</sup>	A	\$ 15.36	310,489 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Common Stock \$.01 Par Value	03/07/2005		S		60,000	D	\$ 78.4 <sup>(2)</sup>	250,489	D	
Common Stock \$.01 Par value								2,819 <sup>(3)</sup>	I	401(K) Savings Plan Account

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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. Amount of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Am Nur Sha
Non-Statutory Stock Option <u>(4)</u>	\$ <u>15.36</u> <sup>(1)</sup>	03/07/2005		M	60,000	12/01/2001 12/01/2005	Common Stock \$.01 Par Value	13	
Non-Statutory Stock Option <u>(5)</u>	\$ <u>18.47</u> <sup>(1)</sup>					11/19/2002 11/19/2011	Common Stock \$.01 Par Value	12	
Non-Statutory Stock Option <u>(6)</u>	\$ <u>21.39</u> <sup>(1)</sup>					11/18/2004 11/18/2007	Common Stock \$.01 Par Value	55	
Non-Statutory Stock Option <u>(7)</u>	\$ <u>21.39</u> <sup>(1)</sup>					11/18/2005 11/18/2012	Common Stock \$.01 Par Value	55	
Non-Statutory Stock Option <u>(8)</u>	\$ <u>26.56</u> <sup>(1)</sup>					04/07/2005 04/07/2008	Common Stock \$.01 Par Value	28	
Non-Statutory Stock Option <u>(9)</u>	\$ <u>44.68</u> <sup>(1)</sup>					11/17/2006 11/17/2013	Common Stock \$.01 Par Value	71	
Non-Statutory Stock Option <u>(10)</u>	\$ <u>59.18</u> <sup>(1)</sup>					11/22/2007 11/22/2014	Common Stock \$.01 Par Value	91	

# Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
REECE PARIS G III 3600 S. YOSEMITE STREET SUITE 900 DENVER, CO 80237			EVP, CFO & Prin. Acctg Officer	

# Signatures

Joseph H. Fretz, 03/08/2005  
 Attorney-in-Fact

\*\*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.
- (2) Shares sold at an average sales price of \$78.4002 per share pursuant to a single sale order. See Table of Transactions attached hereto for details of sales.
- (3) Shares are held in Reporting Person's 401(k) Savings Plan account which changes on a monthly basis.
- (4) Granted on December 1, 2000 under the Company's Employee Equity Incentive Plan. This option vests as to 25% of the shares covered thereby on December 1, 2001 and cumulatively as to an additional 25% on each of December 1, 2002, 2003 and 2004.  
 Granted on December 10, 2001 (effective November 19, 2001) under the Company's 2001 Equity Incentive Plan. This option vests as to 25% of the shares covered thereby on November 19, 2002 and cumulatively as to an additional 25% on each of November 19, 2003, 2004 and 2005.
- (5) 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.
- (6) Granted on November 18, 2002 under the Company's 2001 Equity Incentive Plan. This option vests as to 25% of the shares covered thereby on November 18, 2005; and 75% of the shares covered thereby on November 18, 2006.  
 Granted by Option Agreement executed April 11, 2003 under the Company's Employee Equity Incentive Plan. This option vests as to 25% of the shares covered thereby on April 7, 2005; 25% of the shares covered thereby on April 7, 2006; and 50% of the shares covered thereby on April 7, 2007.
- (7) Granted on November 17, 2003 under the Company's 2001 Equity Incentive Plan. This option vests as to 20% of the shares covered thereby on November 17, 2006; and cumulatively as to an additional 20% on each of November 17, 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010.
- (8) Granted on November 22, 2004 under the Company's 2001 Equity Incentive Plan. This option vests as to 20% of the shares covered thereby on November 22, 2007; and cumulatively as to an additional 20% on each of November 22, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011.

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