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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

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See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Kirby Michael JL

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

MDC PARTNERS INC [MDCA]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 02/14/2012

(Check all applicable)

_X__ Director 10% Owner _Other (specify Officer (give title below)

C/O MDC PARTNERS INC., 45 HAZELTON AVENUE

(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 Form filed by More than One Reporting

TORONTO ONTARIO, A6 M5R

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Shares)

(City)

| (State) | (Zip) | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned |
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| • | Table 1 - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficiany Owned | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|-------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------|---|---------------------------|-----------------------|--|
| 1.Title of Security | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if | 3. Transactio | 4. Securit | | r | 5. Amount of Securities | 6. Ownership Form: Direct | 7. Nature of Indirect | |
| (Instr. 3) | ` , | any (Month/Day/Year) | Code (Instr. 8) | Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | Beneficially Owned | (D) or Indirect (I) | Beneficial Ownership | | |
| | | (| Code V | Amount | (A) or | | Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | (Instr. 4) | (Instr. 4) | |
| Class A Shares | | | | | | | 33,198 (1) | D | | |
| Class A Shares | | | | | | | 381 (2) | I | See FN (2) | |
| Restricted Stock Units (Class A | 02/14/2012 | | A | 6,536 | A | \$ 0 | 39,734 (1) (3) | D | | |

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) | 4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | 5. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | ; | | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) |
|---|---|---|--|---|---------------------|--------------------|---|-------------------------------------|--|
| | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | |
| SARs (4) | \$ 3.72 | | | | 03/10/2010 | 03/09/2014 | Class A Shares | 10,000 | |

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Kirby Michael JL C/O MDC PARTNERS INC. **45 HAZELTON AVENUE** TORONTO ONTARIO, A6 M5R 2E3

X

Signatures

/s/ Michael J. L.

Kirby 02/16/2012

**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) Includes unvested Restricted Stock Units (Class A Shares) of the Issuer.
- (2) Held by an Affiliate of the Reporting Person.
- These 6,536 Restricted Stock Units (Class A Shares) of the Issuer, granted on February 14, 2012, will vest on the third anniversary of the grant date, contingent upon certain events and the Reporting Person's continued service as a director through the vesting date.

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(4) The Stock Appreciation Rights ("SARs") granted on March 10, 2009, all of which are vested as of January 20, 2012, expire five (5) years from the Grant Date.

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