

Kirby Michael JL  
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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 \*  
 Kirby Michael JL

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O MDC PARTNERS INC., 45  
 HAZELTON AVENUE

(Street)

TORONTO ONTARIO, A6 M5R  
 2E3

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 MDC PARTNERS INC [MDCA]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 02/14/2012

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)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Price			
Class A Shares					33,198 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Class A Shares					381 <sup>(2)</sup>	I	See FN <sup>(2)</sup>
Restricted Stock Units (Class A Shares)	02/14/2012		A	6,536 A \$ 0	39,734 <sup>(1)</sup> <sup>(3)</sup>	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)	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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)
SARs <sup>(4)</sup>	\$ 3.72					03/10/2010 03/09/2014	Class A 10,000 Shares	

## Reporting Owners

### Reporting Owner Name / Address

### Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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45 HAZELTON AVENUE  
TORONTO ONTARIO, A6 M5R 2E3

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## Signatures

/s/ Michael J. L.

Kirby 02/16/2012

\*\*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) Includes unvested Restricted Stock Units (Class A Shares) of the Issuer.

(2) Held by an Affiliate of the Reporting Person.

(3) 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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