

Stephens John Martin  
Form 4  
February 04, 2013

# FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Stephens John Martin

(Last) (First) (Middle)

4350 S. MONACO STREET, SUITE  
500

(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)  
02/01/2013

4. If Amendment, Date Original  
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title \_\_\_\_ Other (specify  
below) below)

SVP, CFO, PAO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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Person

#### Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities<br>Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                       |                                         |                                                             | Code                                 | V                                                                          | Amount<br>(A)<br>or<br>(D)                                                                                         | Price                                                                |                                                                   |
| Common<br>Stock \$.01<br>Par Value    | 02/01/2013                              |                                                             | A                                    |                                                                            | 2,515<br>(1)                                                                                                       | A \$ 0 12,515                                                        | 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)

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| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)   | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired (A)<br>or Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4,<br>and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |     | 7. Title and Amount<br>Underlying Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |                    |                                       |                                     |
|-------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|-----|------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
|                                                       |                                                                       |                                         |                                                             | Code                                    | V                                                                                                            | (A)                                                            | (D) | Date<br>Exercisable                                              | Expiration<br>Date | Title                                 | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of Shares |
| Non-Satutory<br>Stock Option<br>(right to buy)<br>(2) | \$ 39.75                                                              | 02/01/2013                              |                                                             | A                                       |                                                                                                              | 25,000                                                         |     | 02/01/2016                                                       | 02/01/2023         | Common<br>Stock<br>\$.01 Par<br>Value | 25,000                              |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                                 | Relationships |           |               |       |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------------|-------|
|                                                                                | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer       | Other |
| Stephens John Martin<br>4350 S. MONACO STREET<br>SUITE 500<br>DENVER, CO 80237 |               |           | SVP, CFO, PAO |       |

## Signatures

John M.  
Stephens

02/04/2013

\_\_\_\_\_  
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).

- Shares of restricted stock granted on February 1, 2013 for no cash consideration pursuant to the Company's 2011 Equity Incentive Plan
- (1) and a Restricted Stock Agreement. Pursuant to the Restricted Stock Agreement, the restrictions will lapse as to 33-1/3% of the shares on each of February 1, 2014, 2015 and 2016.
- (2) Granted on February 1, 2013, under the Company's 2011 Equity Incentive Plan. The option will vest as to 33-1/3% of the shares covered thereby on each of February 1, 2016, 2017 and 2018. This option was granted at the February 1, 2013 market close price.

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