

DICKSON ROBERT E
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FORM 4

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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 *
DICKSON ROBERT E

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**C/O MDC PARTNERS INC., 45
 HAZELTON AVENUE**

(Street)

TORONTO, 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)
02/12/2009

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)
Managing Director

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | | (A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price | | | |
| Class A Shares | | | | | 180,170 ⁽¹⁾ | 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 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) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| | | | | Code V (A) (D) | | Date Exercisable Expiration Date | Title Amount Number Shares |
| Stock Options ⁽²⁾ | \$ 8.4 ⁽³⁾ | | | | | 04/10/2002 04/10/2012 | Class A Shares 57,1 |
| Stock Appreciation Rights ⁽⁴⁾ | \$ 8.95 | | | | | 04/28/2007 04/28/2016 | Class A Shares 10,0 |
| Stock Appreciation Rights ⁽⁵⁾ | \$ 3.72 | 02/12/2009 | | A | 188,276 | 02/12/2010 02/12/2014 | Class A Shares 188,2 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| DICKSON ROBERT E C/O MDC PARTNERS INC. 45 HAZELTON AVENUE TORONTO, A6 M5R 2E3 | | | Managing Director | |

Signatures

/s/ Robert E.

Dickson

02/17/2009

**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 122,552 unvested Restricted Stock Units (Class A Shares) of the Issuer, a portion of which are subject to achievement by the Issuer of financial performance targets.
- (2) Stock Options (previously granted on April 10, 2002) expire 10 years from the grant date.
- (3) Canadian dollars.
- (4) SAR's granted April 28, 2006, fully vested on April 28, 2008. These SARs may be settled in cash or stock, at the discretion of the Issuer.
SAR's granted February 12, 2009, vest 33% on the first anniversary of the grant date, 33% on the second anniversary of the grant date,
- (5) and 34% on the third anniversary of the grant date, and expire on February 12, 2014. These SAR's may be settled in cash or stock, at the discretion of the Issuer.

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