

Sabatino Michael
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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 *
 Sabatino Michael

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 C/O MDC PARTNERS INC., 950
 THIRD AVENUE
 (Street)

NEW YORK, NY 10022

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 02/12/2010

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)
 SVP & Chief Accounting Officer

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)
Class A Shares				(A)	68,216 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Restricted Stock (Class A Shares)	02/12/2010		A	29,138 A	\$ 0 97,354 ^{(1) (2)}	D	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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(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. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
Stock Appreciation Rights ⁽³⁾	\$ 3.72					02/12/2010 02/12/2014	Class A Shares	128,205

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Sabatino Michael C/O MDC PARTNERS INC. 950 THIRD AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10022			SVP & Chief Accounting Officer	

Signatures

/s/ Michael Sabatino 02/16/2010

**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 shares of unvested Restricted Stock (Class A Shares) of the Issuer, a portion of which are subject to achievement by the Issuer of financial performance targets.
All 29,138 shares of Restricted Stock (Class A Shares) of the Issuer awarded on February 12, 2010 will vest on February 12, 2013, subject to accelerated vesting in 2011 and / or 2012 if the Issuer achieves specified financial performance targets in 2011 and 2012, subject to the Reporting Person's continued employment.
- (3) Stock Appreciation Rights ("SARs") granted February 12, 2009, vest 33% on the first anniversary of the grant date, 33% on the second anniversary of the grant date, and 34% on the third anniversary of the grant date, and expire on February 12, 2014. These SARs may be settled in cash or stock, at the discretion of the Issuer.

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