

TOUFF MICHAEL
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FORM 4

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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 *
TOUFF MICHAEL

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
4350 S. MONACO STREET, SUITE 500

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/30/2008

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Sr VP and General Counsel

(Street)
DENVER, CO 80237

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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)		
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock \$.01 Par Value	12/30/2008		A		1,018 (1)	\$ 0	95,691	D	
Common Stock \$.01 Par Value							18,625	I	401(k) Plan (2)
Common Stock \$.01 Par Value							9,516	I	IRA Rollover

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Am or Nur of S	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	
Non-Statutory Stock Option (right to buy) (3)	\$ 29.45	12/30/2008		A	30,000	12/30/2011	12/30/2018	Common Stock \$.01 Par Value	30

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
TOUFF MICHAEL 4350 S. MONACO STREET SUITE 500 DENVER, CO 80237			Sr VP and General Counsel	

Signatures

Michael Touff 12/31/2008

**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 December 30, 2008 for no cash consideration pursuant to the Company's 2001 Equity Incentive Plan and a Restricted Stock Agreement. Pursuant to the Restricted Stock Agreement, the restrictions will lapse as to 25% of the shares on December 30, 2009, and cumulatively as to an additional 25% on each of December 30, 2010, 2011 and 2012.
- (1) Shares are held in Reporting Person's 401(k) Savings Plan account which changes on a daily basis.

- (2) Granted on December 30, 2008 under the Company's 2001 Equity Incentive Plan. This option vests as to 33-1/3% of the shares covered thereby on December 30, 2011 and cumulatively as to an additional 33-1/3% on each of December 30, 2012 and 2013. This option was granted at the December 30, 2008 market close price.

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