

Valentine Vilia  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
Valentine Vilia  
  
(Last) (First) (Middle)  
4350 S. MONACO ST., 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)  
01/25/2011

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)  
CAO, VP - Finance, Controller

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

**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)
Common Stock \$01 Par Value	01/25/2011		A	797 (1) A	\$ 0 2,825	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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Am or Num of S
Non-Statutory Stock Option (right-to-buy) <u>(2)</u>	\$ 31.36	01/25/2011		A	10,000	01/25/2012 01/25/2021	Common Stock \$0.01 Par Value	10

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Valentine Vilia 4350 S. MONACO ST. SUITE 500 DENVER, CO 80237			CAO, VP - Finance, Controller	

## Signatures

Vilia Valentine                      01/27/2011  
 \_\_Signature of                      Date  
 Reporting Person

## 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) Shares of restricted stock granted on January 25, 2011 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 each of January 25, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015.
- (2) Granted on January 25, 2011 under the Company's 2001 Equity Incentive Plan. This option vests as to 25% of the shares covered thereby on each of January 25, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015. This option was granted at the January 25, 2011 market close price.

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