REECE PARIS G III

Form 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

REECE PARIS G III			Symbol MDC H	Symbol MDC HOLDINGS INC [MDC]					Issuer			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction				-	(Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner				
3600 S. YOSEMITE STREET, SUITE 900			(Month/Day/Year) 03/07/2005						X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) EVP, CFO & Prin. Acctg Officer			
	4. If Ame	4. If Amendment, Date Original					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check					
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DENVER, CO 80237									Person			
(City)	(State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned											
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction I (Month/Day/Ye	ar) Execution	emed 3. 4. Securities Acquired on Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) //Day/Year) (Instr. 8)			of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)				
				Code	V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)			
Common Stock \$.01 Par Value	03/07/2005			M		60,000 (1)	A	\$ 15.36	310,489 (1)	D		
Common Stock \$.01 Par Value	03/07/2005			S		60,000	D	\$ 78.4 (2)	250,489	D		
Common Stock \$.01 Par value									2,819 (3)	I	401(K) Savings Plan Account	

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amou Underlying Secur (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Am Nur Sha
Non-Statutory Stock Option	\$ 15.36 (1)	03/07/2005		M	60,000	12/01/2001	12/01/2005	Common Stock \$.01 Par Value	13
Non-Statutory Stock Option	\$ 18.47 (1)					11/19/2002	11/19/2011	Common Stock \$.01 Par Value	12
Non-Statutory Stock Option	\$ 21.39 (1)					11/18/2004	11/18/2007	Common Stock \$.01 Par Value	55
Non-Statutory Stock Option	\$ 21.39 (1)					11/18/2005	11/18/2012	Common Stock \$.01 Par Value	55
Non-Statutory Stock Option	\$ 26.56 (1)					04/07/2005	04/07/2008	Common Stock \$.01 Par Value	28
Non-Statutory Stock Option	\$ 44.68 (1)					11/17/2006	11/17/2013	Common Stock \$.01 Par Value	71
Non-Statutory Stock Option	\$ 59.18 (1)					11/22/2007	11/22/2014	Common Stock \$.01 Par Value	91

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

REECE PARIS G III 3600 S. YOSEMITE STREET SUITE 900 DENVER, CO 80237

EVP, CFO & Prin. Acctg Officer

Signatures

Joseph H. Fretz, Attorney-in-Fact

**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) All share amounts, exercise prices and option grants have been adjusted to reflect a 1.3 for 1 stock split on January 10, 2005.
- (2) Shares sold at an average sales price of \$78.4002 per share pursuant to a single sale order. See Table of Transations attached hereto for details of sales.
- (3) Shares are held in Reporting Person's 401(k) Savings Plan account which changes on a monthly basis.
- Granted on December 1, 2000 under the Company's Employee Equity Incentive Plan. This option vests as to 25% of the shares covered thereby on December 1, 2001 and cumulatively as to an additional 25% on each of December 1, 2002, 2003 and 2004.
- Granted on December 10, 2001 (effective November 19, 2001) under the Company's 2001 Equity Incentive Plan. This option vests as to 25% of the shares covered thereby on November 19, 2002 and cumulatively as to an additional 25% on each of November 19, 2003, 2004 and 2005.
- Granted on November 18, 2002 under the Company's Employee Equity Incentive Plan. This option vests as to 25% of the shares covered thereby on November 18, 2004; 25% of the shares covered thereby on November 18, 2005; and 50% of the shares covered thereby on November 18, 2006.
- (7) Granted on November 18, 2002 under the Company's 2001 Equity Incentive Plan. This option vests as to 25% of the shares covered thereby on November 18, 2005; and 75% of the shares covered thereby on November 18, 2006.
- Granted by Option Agreement executed April 11, 2003 under the Company's Employee Equity Incentive Plan. This option vests as to 25% of the shares covered thereby on April 7, 2005; 25% of the shares covered thereby on April 7, 2006; and 50% of the shares covered thereby on April 7, 2007.
- (9) Granted on November 17, 2003 under the Company's 2001 Equity Incentive Plan. This option vests as to 20% of the shares covered thereby on November 17, 2006; and cumulatively as to an additional 20% on each of November 17, 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010.
- (10) Granted on November 22, 2004 under the Company's 2001 Equity Incentive Plan. This option vests as to 20% of the shares covered thereby on November 22, 2007; and cumulatively as to an additional 20% on each of November 22, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011.

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