

MDC HOLDINGS INC  
Form 8-K  
July 24, 2012

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF**

**THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported): July 24, 2012**

**M.D.C. Holdings, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**1-8951**  
(Commission  
file number)

**84-0622967**  
(I.R.S. employer  
identification no.)

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4350 South Monaco Street, Suite 500, Denver, Colorado 80237

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (303) 773-1100

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

ITEM 5.02 DEPARTURE OF DIRECTORS OR CERTAIN OFFICERS; ELECTION OF DIRECTORS; APPOINTMENT OF CERTAIN OFFICERS; COMPENSATORY ARRANGEMENTS OF CERTAIN OFFICERS

(e) In its Proxy Statement filed on April 2, 2012, M.D.C. Holdings, Inc. (the Company) disclosed at page 36 that its Chief Financial Officer, John M. Stephens, and its General Counsel, Michael Touff, will be entitled to an annual bonus for 2012 of up to a specified percentage of base pay depending on the respective performance of each executive regarding Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) established for his position. The Compensation Committee has consulted with the Company's Chief Executive Officer, Larry A. Mizel, and the Chief Operating Officer, David D. Mandarich, and, on July 24, 2012, established the following KPIs for each of Mr. Stephens and Mr. Touff (the KPIs may change, or not apply, in subsequent years):

Chief Financial Officer

Shareholder relations management and oversight

Timely and accurate handling of financial regulatory filings

Oversight of accounting, finance and treasury functions, including capital markets and bank financing transactions, if applicable

Successful completion of special projects

General Counsel

Litigation management

Regulatory compliance

Successful completion of special projects

Oversight of risk management

For 2012, the KPIs will be weighted equally. At the end of 2012, the Compensation Committee will determine the extent to which each of the KPIs are met and will allocate a percentage of achievement, the total of which shall constitute the annual bonus, if any, to be awarded to Mr. Stephens and to Mr. Touff. If the Committee determines that each KPI is 100% achieved, then the annual bonus will be 100% of base salary (target bonus); in the event the Committee determines that each KPI has been exceeded at a level doubling the targeted performance, the annual bonus will be 200% of base salary (maximum bonus); in the event some KPIs are achieved or exceeded and/or others are not achieved or are partially achieved, the Committee will award an annual bonus based on the proportionate KPI performance that was achieved. The Committee's determinations, in its sole discretion, shall be final.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

Dated: July 24, 2012

M.D.C. HOLDINGS, INC.

By: /s/ Robert N. Martin  
Robert N. Martin  
Vice President of Finance and Business Development