

DICKSON ROBERT E  
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 \*  
**DICKSON ROBERT E**

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**C/O MDC PARTNERS INC., 45  
HAZELTON AVENUE**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**03/11/2010**

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
**Managing Director**

(Street)  
**TORONTO ONTARIO, A6 M5R  
2E3**

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

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)	172,866 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Restricted Stock Units (Class A Shares)	03/11/2010		A	1,243 A	\$ 0 174,109 <sup>(1)</sup> <sup>(2)</sup>	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)

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. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 8.4 <sup>(4)</sup>					04/10/2002 04/10/2012	Class A	57,150 Shares
Stock Appreciation Rights <sup>(5)</sup>	\$ 8.95					04/28/2008 04/28/2016	Class A	10,000 Shares
Stock Appreciation Rights <sup>(6)</sup>	\$ 3.72					02/12/2010 02/12/2014	Class A	188,276 Shares

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

DICKSON ROBERT E  
C/O MDC PARTNERS INC.  
45 HAZELTON AVENUE  
TORONTO ONTARIO, A6 M5R 2E3

Managing Director

## Signatures

/s/ Robert E.

Dickson

03/11/2010

\*\*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 unvested Restricted Stock Units (Class A Shares) of the Issuer.

(2)

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The Restricted Stock Units (Class A Shares) of the Issuer awarded on March 11, 2010 will vest on March 11, 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 Options (previously granted on April 10, 2002) expire 10 years from the grant date.
- (4) Canadian dollars.
- (5) Stock Appreciation Rights ("SARs") granted April 28, 2006, fully vested on April 28, 2008. These SARs may be settled in cash or stock, at the discretion of the Issuer.

SARs granted February 12, 2009, vest 33% on the first anniversary of the grant date, 33% on the second anniversary of the grant date,

- (6) 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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