

MDC HOLDINGS INC  
Form 8-K  
December 23, 2011

**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): December 22, 2011**

**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)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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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

- (b) (e) On December 22, 2011, Vilia Valentine, Vice President Finance, Corporate Controller and Chief Accounting Officer, informed M.D.C. Holdings, Inc. (the Company) that she was resigning as an employee of the Company effective as of January 4, 2012. The Company has agreed to retain Ms. Valentine, on a consulting basis, to continue to serve as the Company's principal financial officer and principal accounting officer through the date the Company files its Form 10-K for the year ending December 31, 2011, which is anticipated to occur on or about February 2, 2012. Ms. Valentine will continue to be compensated during the time she serves as a consultant at the same rate as her current salary and will be eligible for an \$80,000 bonus for 2011 to be paid at the conclusion of her services.

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: December 23, 2011

M.D.C. HOLDINGS, INC.

By: /s/ Joseph H. Fretz  
Joseph H. Fretz  
Secretary and Corporate Counsel