

MDC PARTNERS INC  
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**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**C/O MDC PARTNERS INC., 45  
HAZELTON AVENUE**

(Street)

**TORONTO, A6 M5R 2E3**

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
**03/13/2008**

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)  
Managing Director

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)
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price
Class A Shares					197,838 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Class A Shares	03/13/2008		F		\$ 17,668	D	\$ 8.1
					180,170 <sup>(2)</sup> <sup>(3)</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>(4)</sup>	\$ 8.4 <sup>(5)</sup>					04/10/2002 04/10/2012	Class A Shares	57,150
Stock Appreciation Rights <sup>(6)</sup>	\$ 8.95					04/28/2007 04/28/2016	Class A Shares	10,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
DICKSON ROBERT E C/O MDC PARTNERS INC. 45 HAZELTON AVENUE TORONTO, A6 M5R 2E3			Managing Director	

## Signatures

/s/ DICKSON  
ROBERT E

03/13/2008

\*\*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, a portion of which are subject to achievement by the Issuer of financial performance targets.  
A total of 30,000 Restricted Stock Units (Class A Shares) granted in 2006, and 11,334 Restricted Stock Units (Class A Shares) granted in 2007, vested on March 6, 2008. The Reporting Person elected to have 17,668 Class A Shares withheld by the Issuer to satisfy tax withholding requirements.
  - (2) Includes 122,552 unvested Restricted Stock Units (Class A Shares) of the Issuer, a portion of which are subject to achievement by the Issuer of financial performance targets.
  - (3)

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- (4) Stock Options (previously granted on April 10, 2002) expire 10 years from the grant date.
- (5) Canadian dollars.
- (6) SAR's granted April 28, 2006 vest 50% on the first anniversary of the grant date, and 50% on the second anniversary of the grant date, expiring ten (10) years from the grant date, and may be settled in cash or stock, at the discretion of the Issuer.

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