

MDC HOLDINGS INC  
Form 8-K  
December 14, 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): December 13, 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)

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)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

ITEM 8.01 OTHER EVENTS

On December 13, 2012, M.D.C. Holdings, Inc. (the Company ) issued a press release announcing that its Board of Directors declared an accelerated cash dividend of \$1.00 per share. This dividend is in lieu of and accelerates the payment of all regular quarterly dividends that the Company might otherwise have paid in calendar year 2013. The accelerated dividend is payable on December 28, 2012 to shareholders of record on December 24, 2012. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated by reference.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(d) Exhibit

The following exhibit is furnished as part of this Current Report on Form 8-K.

<b>Exhibit Number</b>	<b>Description</b>
Exhibit 99.1	Press Release dated December 13, 2012

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 14, 2012

M.D.C. HOLDINGS, INC.

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

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