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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549 SCHEDULE 13G Under the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 (Amendment No. 28) M.D.C. Holdings, Inc. (Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, \$.01 Par Value Per Share (Title of Class of Securities) 552676 10 8 (CUSIP Number) December 31, 2008

(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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1	NAME OF REPORTING PERSON Larry A. Mizel							
2	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP Not Applicable (a) o (b) o							
3	SEC USE ONLY							
4	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION United States of America							
		5	SOLE VOTING POWE	R				
NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALL		6	1,057,374 shares SHARED VOTING PO	WER				
OWNEI EAC REPOR	CH TING	7	6,315,380 shares SOLE DISPOSITIVE P	OWER				
PERS			1,057,374 shares					
WITH		8	SHARED DISPOSITIV	E POWER				

6,315,380 shares

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

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7,372,754 shares

10	CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW 9 EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES				
	0				
11	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9				
	15.55%				
12	TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON				
	IN				

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Item 1(a) <u>Name of Issuer</u> :								
M.D.C. Holdings, Inc.								
Item 1(b) Address of Issuer s Principal Executive Offices:								
4350	0 South Monaco Street, Suite 500							
Den	ver, Colorado 80237							
Item 2(a) Nam	ne of Person Filing:							
Larr	y A. Mizel							
Item 2(b) Add	m 2(b) Address of Principal Business Office, or, if None, Residence:							
4350	0 South Monaco Street, Suite 500							
Den	ver, Colorado 80237							
Item 2(c) Citiz	zenship:							
Unit	ted States of America							
Item 2(d) <u>Title</u>	e of Class of Securities:							
com	mon stock, \$.01 par value per share							
Item 2(e) CUS	SIP Number:							
5526	576 10 8							
Item 3 Not	Applicable.							
Item 4(a) Amc	ount Beneficially Owned:							
7,37	2,754 shares							
Item 4(b) Perc	<u>ent of Class</u> :							
15.55% (based upon the number of shares of the Issuer s Common Stock that were outstanding as of								
		ssuer s Form 10-Q filed on October	31, 2008))				
Item 4(c) Number of Shares as to Which Such Person Has:								
(i) Sole power to vote or direct the vote 1,057,374 shares which includes 934,300 shares issuable upon the exercise of								
stock options (exercisable within 60 days of December 31, 2008) granted to the reporting person under the Issuer s								
2001 Equity Incentive Plan, 60,000 shares of restricted stock granted to the reporting person under the Issuer s 2001								
Equity Incentive Plan, 60,000 shares of restricted stock issuable under the Issuer s 2001 Equity Incentive Plan as of the								

date the Issuer s Compensation Committee or its designated member certifies that the performance goal set forth in Article IIIA.(ii) of the M.D.C. Holdings, Inc. Amended Executive Officer Performance-Based Compensation Plan (approved by the Issuer s shareowners at the 2008 Annual Meeting) has been achieved for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008 and 3,074 shares held in account for the reporting person in the Company s 401(k) Plan.

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(ii) Shared power to vote or direct the vote 6,315,380 shares

This amount includes 4,952,837 shares held by Ari Capital Partners, LLLP (Ari Capital) of which reporting person may be deemed to have beneficial ownership. The sole general partner of Ari Capital is CVentures, Inc. (CVentures). Reporting person is the beneficiary of various trusts which own 50.6885% of the stock of CVentures. Also, reporting person is a director and president of CVentures and may be deemed to control the other 49.3115% of the common stock of CVentures. A trust, of which the reporting person is the sole beneficiary, is the sole limited partner of Ari Capital, and has a 99.85% partnership interest in Ari Capital. Reporting person is a trustee of this trust. The amount in Item 4(c)(ii) above also includes 1,362,214 shares held by CGM Capital LLC (CGM Capital) of which reporting person may be deemed to have beneficiary, is the only other member of CGM Capital, and has a 99.88% equity interest in CGM Capital. Reporting person is a trustee of this trust.

The amount in Item 4(c)(ii) above also includes 329 shares held by a trust of which reporting person may be deemed to have beneficial ownership although reporting person has no pecuniary interest in such shares. Reporting person is a trustee of this trust and a director of the two foundations which are the beneficiaries of such trust.

(iii) Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition of 1,057,374 shares, which includes 934,300 shares issuable upon the exercise of stock options (exercisable within 60 days of December 31, 2008) granted to the reporting person under the Issuer s 2001 Equity Incentive Plan, 60,000 shares of restricted stock granted to the reporting person under the Issuer s 2001 Equity Incentive Plan, 60,000 shares of restricted stock issuable under the Issuer s 2001 Equity Incentive Plan, 60,000 shares of restricted stock issuable under the Issuer s 2001 Equity Incentive Plan, 60,000 shares of restricted stock issuable under the Issuer s 2001 Equity Incentive Plan as of the date the Issuer s Compensation Committee or its designated member certifies that the performance goal set forth in Article IIIA.(ii) of the M.D.C. Holdings, Inc. Amended Executive Officer Performance-Based Compensation Plan (approved by the Issuer s shareowners at the 2008 Annual Meeting) has been achieved for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008 and 3,074 shares held in account for the reporting person in the Company s 401(k) Plan.

(iv) Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition of 6,315,380 shares, which includes the shares described in response to Item 4(c)(ii) above.

Item 5 <u>Ownership of 5% or Less of a Class</u>: Not Applicable. CUSIP No. 552676108

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- Item 6 <u>Ownership of More than 5% on Behalf of Another Person</u>: Not Applicable.
- Item 7 <u>Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Securities Being Reported by the</u> <u>Parent Holding Company</u>: Not Applicable.
- Item 8 Identification and Classification of Members of the Group: Not Applicable.
- Item 9 <u>Notice of Dissolution of Group</u>: Not Applicable.
- Item 10 <u>Certification</u>: Not Applicable.

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SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

February 5, 2009 Dated:

> Reporting Ownership As of December 31, 2008

/s/ Larry A. Mizel

Larry A. Mizel