

MDC PARTNERS INC
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FORM 4

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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 *
BERNS STEVEN

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O MDC PARTNERS, 950 THIRD AVENUE, 5TH FLOOR

(Street)

NEW YORK, NY 10022

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)

03/15/2006

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)

President and CFO

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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | | | |
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (D) | Price |
| Class A Subordinate Voting Shares | 03/15/2006 | | P | | 2,000 | A | \$ 8.23 |
| Financial Performance-Based Restricted Stock (Class A Shares ⁽¹⁾) | | | | | | | 100,000 |
| | | | | | | | 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) | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount Number Shares |
| Stock Options ⁽²⁾ | \$ 10.5 | | | | | 08/25/2005 | 08/25/2009 | Class A Subordinate Voting Shares | 100,000 |
| Stock Appreciation Rights ⁽³⁾ | \$ 10.5 | | | | | 08/25/2005 | 08/25/2008 | Class A Subordinate Voting Shares | 150,000 |
| Restricted Stock Units ⁽⁴⁾ | \$ 0 | | | | | 08/25/2005 | 08/25/2007 | Class A Subordinate Voting Shares | 33,500 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| BERNS STEVEN C/O MDC PARTNERS 950 THIRD AVENUE, 5TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10022 | X | | President and CFO | |

Signatures

Steven Berns 03/16/2006

**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) A portion of the Financial Performance-Based Restricted Stock (Class A Shares) of the Issuer may vest in each of 2007, 2008 and / or 2009 if the Issuer achieves specified financial performance targets in 2006 - 2008, and is dependent on continued employment. Such financial targets are set forth in a "Financial Performance-Based Restricted Stock Agreement", a form of which was filed by the Issuer as

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an exhibit to a Form 8-K filed with the SEC on March 2, 2006.

- (2) Stock Options (previously granted on August 25, 2004) vest as follows: 10,000 on August 25, 2005, 15,000 on August 25, 2006, 20,000 on August 25, 2007, 25,000 on August 25, 2008, and 30,000 on August 25, 2009.
- (3) Stock Appreciation Rights (previously granted on August 25, 2004) vest 1/3 on each anniversary of the grant date, expire four years from the grant date, and may be settled in cash or in stock at the option of the Issuer.
- (4) Restricted Stock Units (previously granted on August 25, 2004) vest and are deemed to be automatically exercised without any action on Mr. Berns's part and Class A Shares may be issued as follows: 16,500 on August 25, 2006, and 17,000 on September 6, 2007.

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