

MDC HOLDINGS INC  
Form 8-A12B  
January 10, 2013

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM 8-A**

**FOR REGISTRATION OF CERTAIN CLASSES OF SECURITIES**  
**PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(B) OR (G) OF THE**  
**SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**M.D.C. HOLDINGS, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State of incorporation

or organization)

4350 S. Monaco Street, Suite 500

**84-0622967**  
(IRS Employer

Identification No.)

80237

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**Denver, Colorado**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

**Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:**

| <b>Title of each class<br/>to be so registered</b> | <b>Name of each exchange on which<br/>each class is to be registered</b> |
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| 6.000% Senior Notes due 2043                       | New York Stock Exchange  |

If this Form relates to the registration of a class of securities pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Exchange Act and is effective pursuant to General Instruction A.(c), check the following box.

If this Form relates to the registration of a class of securities pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Exchange Act and is effective pursuant to General Instruction A.(d), check the following box.

Securities Act registration statement file number to which this form relates: **333-177680**

Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:

**None**  
(Title of class)

(Title of class)

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**INFORMATION REQUIRED IN REGISTRATION STATEMENT**

**Item 1. Description of Registrant's Securities to be Registered.**

The description under the heading "Description of the Debt Securities" relating to the Registrant's debt securities in the prospectus included in the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-3 (Registration No. 333-177680) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 3, 2011, and the descriptions under the headings "Prospectus Supplement Summary The Offering" and "Description of Notes" relating to the Registrant's 6.000% Senior Notes due 2043 (the "Notes") in the Registrant's prospectus supplement dated January 7, 2013, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on January 8, 2013 pursuant to Rule 424(b)(2) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, which contains the final terms and provisions of the Notes, are hereby incorporated by reference.

**Item 2. Exhibits**

- Exhibit 1 Certificate of Amendment to the Certificate of Incorporation of MDC, filed with the Delaware Secretary of State on April 27, 2006, and Certificate of Incorporation, dated May 17, 1985, as amended (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q dated March 31, 2006).\*
- Exhibit 2 Form of Amendment to the Bylaws of MDC regarding indemnification adopted by its Board of Directors and effective as of March 20, 1987 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2(a) of the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q dated June 30, 1987).\*
- Exhibit 3 Form of Bylaws of MDC, as amended (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2(b) of the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q dated June 30, 1987).\*
- Exhibit 4 Indenture, dated as of December 3, 2002, by and among MDC and U.S. Bank National Association (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2 of the Company's Form S-3/A (File No. 333-117319) filed on September 1, 2004).\*
- Exhibit 5 Supplemental Indenture, dated as of January 10, 2013, by and among MDC, the Guarantors named therein and U.S. Bank National Association (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 of the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on January 10, 2013).\*

\* Incorporated herein by reference.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

M.D.C. HOLDINGS, INC.

By: /s/ Joseph H. Fretz  
Joseph H. Fretz  
*Secretary*

Date: January 10, 2013

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