

MDC PARTNERS INC  
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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 \*  
Sabatino Michael

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O MDC PARTNERS INC. 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)

02/28/2006

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_X\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)

Chief Accounting Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

\_X\_ 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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
Class A Subordinate Voting Shares <sup>(1)</sup>					1,000	D	
Financial Performance-Based Restricted Stock (Class A Shares <sup>(2)</sup> )	02/28/2006		A	25,000 A \$ 0	26,000	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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Appreciation Rights <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 9.52					04/01/2006 03/31/2009	Class A Subordinate Voting Shares	50,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Sabatino Michael C/O MDC PARTNERS INC. 950 THIRD AVENUE 5TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10022			Chief Accounting Officer	

## Signatures

Michael Sabatino 03/02/2006

\*\*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) These Class A Subordinate Voting Shares were acquired on November 30, 2005.
- (2) 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 upon 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 an exhibit to a Form 8-K filed with the SEC on March 2, 2006.
- (3) Stock Appreciation Rights (previously granted on April 1, 2005) vest 1/3 on each anniversary of the grant date, expire four years from the grant date, and are settled in cash or stock at the option of the Issuer.

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