

M.D.C. Holdings Reports July Home Orders

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M.D.C. Holdings, Inc. (www.RichmondAmerican.com) today announced that it received 602 home orders in July 2001. The Company remains on pace to meet its objective of closing 8,200 homes and establishing new records for revenues and earnings in 2001. The last paragraph of this release describes factors that may impact the Company's estimate of 2001 closings, revenues and earnings.

The Company noted that, as anticipated, the July total was down from the extraordinarily strong orders in July 2000, which were up 18% from July 1999. The lower orders reported today generally are attributable to temporary circumstances in several markets, including the Company's home base of Colorado where an overall slowdown in the new home market has occurred.

	July 2001	2000	
Orders for Homes, net			
Colorado	179	249	
California	146	188	
Arizona	183	183	
Nevada	48	82	
Northern Virginia/Suburban Maryland	46	77	
Total	602	779	

MDC has received orders for 5,302 homes for the seven months ended July 31, 2001, 5% higher than the 5,068 home orders received for the same period in 2000.

Home orders were lower in Virginia and Nevada in July 2001, compared with July 2000, primarily resulting from a temporary reduction in the number of active subdivisions in these markets. The Company anticipates opening five and three new subdivisions, respectively, in these markets in the next 90 days. In Northern California, four new subdivision grand openings produced an average of 14 orders per subdivision in July 2000, creating a difficult comparison to the five net orders per subdivision in July 2001.

Home orders in Colorado were lower in July 2001, compared with July 2000, primarily due to (1) competition from an increasing resale home inventory; and (2) a slower market for new homes in the Denver metropolitan area and northern Colorado, compared with the unseasonably strong demand of the 2000 summer months. In addition, the Company has 16 active subdivisions in Denver and northern Colorado that are selling out of trailers with models under construction, contributing to a lower absorption pace. The Company anticipates that over 40 new model homes will be opened in these subdivisions before the end of the year.

MDC, whose subsidiaries build homes under the name "Richmond American Homes," is one of the largest homebuilders in the United States. The Company's wholly owned subsidiary HomeAmerican Mortgage Corporation provides mortgage financing primarily for MDC's home buyers. MDC is a major regional homebuilder with a significant presence in some of the country's best housing markets. Richmond American Homes is the largest homebuilder in metropolitan Denver; among the top five homebuilders in northern Virginia, Phoenix, Tucson and Colorado Springs; and among the top ten homebuilders in suburban Maryland, Las Vegas, Southern California and Northern California.

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