

Richmond American Homes Enters Houston, Texas

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M.D.C. Holdings, Inc. (www.RichmondAmerican.com), whose subsidiaries build homes under the name "Richmond American Homes," today announced its expansion into Houston, Texas. Jim See has joined the Company as president of this new division. Mr. See comes to Richmond American with 26 years of experience in the homebuilding industry, most recently as an area manager with the Royce Family of Homes in Houston.

David D. Mandarich, MDC's president and chief operating officer, commented, "Richmond American is continuing with its expansion in Texas with our entry into Houston, which has proven to be a strong market. Less than one year ago, we began building homes in the Dallas/Fort Worth area, and we now expect to close almost 200 homes in that market in 2003. We are seeking to benefit from the positive economic forces driving growth in the Houston market as well, and are very pleased to have Jim to guide us in our start-up efforts there."

MDC reached new heights in 2002, completing the best year in the Company's 31-year history. The Company closed 8,900 homes, generated more than \$2.3 billion in revenues and earned \$167.3 million, or \$5.48 per share. MDC recently completed a record first quarter, achieving new highs for home orders, home closings, revenues and earnings, and expects to close over 10,500 homes and post record revenues and net income in 2003. In order to facilitate the continued quality growth, MDC is committed to pursuing strategic and opportunistic expansion into new markets.

MDC is one of the largest homebuilders in the United States. The Company also provides mortgage financing, primarily for MDC's homebuyers, through its wholly owned subsidiary, HomeAmerican Mortgage Corporation. MDC is a major regional homebuilder with a significant presence in some of the country's best housing markets. The Company is the largest homebuilder in Colorado; among the top five homebuilders in Northern Virginia, Phoenix, Tucson and Las Vegas; among the top ten homebuilders in suburban Maryland, Northern California, Southern California and Salt Lake City; and has recently entered the Dallas/Fort Worth and Houston, Texas markets.

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