

M.D.C. Holdings Announces Second Quarter 2010 Results

-- Closings increased 71% to 1,135 homes -- Net orders increased 4% to 1,015 homes -- Loss per share improved to \$0.08 vs. loss of \$0.64 in Q2 2009 -- Secured control of 2,160 lots; 36 new communities -- Backlog increased 18% to 1,114 homes at 6/30/10

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M.D.C. Holdings, Inc. today reported a net loss for the 2010 second quarter of \$3.7 million, or \$0.08 per share, compared with a net loss for the 2009 second quarter of \$29.6 million, or \$0.64 per share. The improvement in operating results was driven primarily by an increase in home closings.

For the six months ended June 30, 2010, net loss was \$24.6 million, or \$0.53 per diluted share, compared with a net loss for the six months ended June 30, 2009 of \$70.4 million, or \$1.52 per diluted share.

Management Comments

Larry A. Mizel, MDC's chairman and chief executive officer, stated, "During the second quarter, we successfully executed a strategy designed to capture homebuyer demand in advance of the expiration of the federal homebuyer tax credit, resulting in an increase in our home orders year-over-year for the fifth consecutive quarter. In addition, we are pleased to report strong top-line growth, with revenues up 67% year-over-year on the strength of a 71% increase in home closings."

Mizel continued, "Over the past twelve months, we have secured control of 157 new communities across the country, including 36 in the second quarter alone. These subdivisions provide us with a strong platform for future growth. However, our outlook remains cautious given the industry-wide slowdown in new home orders in the second quarter immediately following the expiration of the federal homebuyer tax credit and the uncertainty surrounding overall economic conditions."

Mizel concluded, "With more than \$1.6 billion in cash and investments at the end of the quarter, we are well-positioned to adapt to changing industry conditions. Even if homebuilding activity remains subdued, we will continue to focus our attention on long-term shareowner value through the pursuit and implementation of improvements to our business processes that will enhance our performance in the future."

Highlights

Home closings for the second quarter ended June 30, 2010 improved to 1,135 homes with an average selling price of \$274,300, compared with home closings of 665 units with an average selling price of \$279,000 during the same period in 2009. The improvement in closings is attributable to a beginning backlog of 1,234 units compared to 629 units in backlog to begin the second quarter of 2009. Total revenue for the second quarter of 2010 was \$326.3 million, compared with revenue of \$195.3 million for the same period in 2009. The increase in revenue was primarily driven by a 71% increase in home closings, partially offset by the 2% year-over-year decrease in average selling price.

Net orders for the second quarter ended June 30, 2010 improved to 1,015 homes with an estimated sales value of \$281 million, compared with net orders for 977 homes with an estimated sales value of \$289 million during the same period in 2009. The improvement in net orders is attributable to a 25% increase in the average rate of sales per active community, partially offset by a 17% decline in the average number of active communities. During the second quarter of 2010, the Company's cancellation rate increased to 25% compared with 20% during the same period in 2009. We ended the 2010 second quarter with 1,114 homes under contract with an estimated sales value of \$351 million, compared with a backlog of 941 homes with an estimated sales value of \$295 million at June 30, 2009.

Home gross margin in the 2010 second quarter was 18.1%, virtually unchanged as compared with 18.0% in the 2009 second quarter. However, excluding interest expense and warranty adjustments, home gross margin increased to 20.2% in the second quarter of 2010 as compared with 16.8% in the second quarter of 2009. The improvement was primarily the result of an increase in net option revenue, relative to home sales revenue, combined with a reduction in construction costs relative to home sales revenue. Both the increase in average upgrade revenue and the decrease in construction costs were driven by the Company's efforts to build smaller, more efficient homes that can be personalized based on homebuyer preference. These improvements partially were offset by an increase in land costs relative to home sales revenue from 12.3% in the 2009 second quarter to 20.6% in the 2010 second quarter.

SG&A increased to \$67.7 million for the quarter ended June 30, 2010, compared with \$52.7 million for the same

period in the prior year. The increase was driven primarily by an \$8.2 million increase in marketing and commissions costs directly related to the increased closings, combined with a \$6.8 million increase in general and administrative costs associated with increased salaries and benefits. No asset impairments were incurred during the quarter, compared with \$1.2 million incurred in the second quarter of 2009.

About MDC

Since 1972, MDC's subsidiary companies have built and financed the American dream for more than 160,000 families. MDC's commitment to customer satisfaction, quality and value is reflected in each home its subsidiaries build. MDC is one of the largest homebuilders in the United States. Its subsidiaries have homebuilding divisions across the country, including Denver, Colorado Springs, Salt Lake City, Las Vegas, Phoenix, Tucson, California, Northern Virginia, Maryland, Philadelphia/Delaware Valley and Jacksonville. The Company's subsidiaries also provide mortgage financing, insurance and title services, primarily for Richmond American homebuyers, through HomeAmerican Mortgage Corporation, American Home Insurance Agency, Inc. and American Home Title and Escrow Company, respectively. M.D.C. Holdings, Inc. is traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "MDC." For more information, visit www.mdcholdings.com.

Forward-Looking Statements

Certain statements in this release, including statements regarding our business, financial condition, results of operation, cash flows, strategies and prospects, constitute "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause the actual results, performance or achievements of the Company to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements. Such factors include, among other things, (1) general economic conditions, including changes in consumer confidence, inflation or deflation and employment levels; (2) changes in business conditions experienced by the Company, including cancellation rates, net home orders, home gross margins, and land and home values; (3) changes in interest rates, mortgage lending programs and the availability of credit; (4) changes in the market value of the Company's investments in marketable securities; (5) the relative stability of debt and equity markets; (6) competition; (7) the availability and cost of land and other raw materials used by the Company in its homebuilding operations; (8) the availability and cost of performance bonds and insurance covering risks associated with our business; (9) shortages and the cost of labor; (10) weather related slowdowns; (11) slow growth initiatives; (12) building moratoria; (13) governmental regulation, including the interpretation of tax, labor and environmental laws; (14) changes in consumer confidence and preferences; (15) terrorist acts and other acts of war; and (16) other factors over which the Company has little or no control. Additional information about the risks and uncertainties applicable to the Company's business is contained in the Company's Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2010, which is scheduled to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission today. All forward-looking statements made in this press release are made as of the date hereof, and the risk that actual results will differ materially from expectations expressed in this press release will increase with the passage of time. The Company undertakes no duty to update publicly any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. However, any further disclosures made on related subjects in our subsequent filings, releases or presentations should be consulted.

M.D.C. HOLDINGS, INC.
Consolidated Statements of Operations
(In thousands, except per share amounts)
(Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2010	2009	2010	2009
Revenue				
Home sales revenue	\$311,276	\$185,554	\$452,219	\$352,536
Land sales revenue	5,699	1,954	5,714	4,572
Other revenue	9,355	7,758	15,475	14,090
Total Revenue	326,330	195,266	473,408	371,198
Costs and Expenses				
Home cost of sales	255,062	152,118	364,452	293,443
Land cost of sales	4,974	1,500	5,165	2,841

Asset impairments, net	-	1,243	-	15,812
Marketing expenses	11,475	7,930	18,535	16,762
Commission expenses	11,611	6,953	16,740	13,311
General and administrative expenses	44,588	37,800	84,791	76,181
Other operating expenses	529	292	1,020	557
Related party expenses	-	4	9	9
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Total Operating Costs and Expenses	328,239	207,840	490,712	418,916
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Loss from Operations	(1,909)	(12,574)	(17,304)	(47,718)
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Other income (expense)				
Interest income	7,541	2,968	11,969	7,039
Interest expense	(9,436)	(9,838)	(19,810)	(19,578)
Other income	105	381	204	121
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Loss Before Taxes	(3,699)	(19,063)	(24,941)	(60,136)
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Benefit from (provision for) income taxes, net	15	(10,519)	384	(10,299)
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NET LOSS	\$(3,684)	\$(29,582)	\$(24,557)	\$(70,435)
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LOSS PER SHARE				
Basic	\$(0.08)	\$(0.64)	\$(0.53)	\$(1.52)
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Diluted	\$(0.08)	\$(0.64)	\$(0.53)	\$(1.52)
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DIVIDENDS DECLARED PER SHARE	\$0.25	\$0.25	\$0.50	\$0.50
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M.D.C. HOLDINGS, INC.
Consolidated Balance Sheets
(Dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)
(Unaudited)

	December	
	June 30,	31,
	2010	2009
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Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$692,132	\$1,234,252
Marketable securities	941,403	327,944
Restricted cash	713	476
Receivables		
Home sales receivables	34,096	10,056
Income taxes receivable	641	145,144
Other receivables	17,412	5,844
Mortgage loans held-for-sale, net	112,065	62,315
Inventories, net		
Housing completed or under construction	382,971	260,324
Land and land under development	370,352	262,860
Property and equipment, net	41,188	38,421
Deferred tax asset, net of valuation allowance of \$217,455 and \$208,144		

at June 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009, respectively	-	-	
Related party assets	7,856	7,856	
Prepaid expenses and other assets, net	80,369	73,816	
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Total Assets	\$2,681,198	\$2,429,308	
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Liabilities			
Accounts payable	\$51,888	\$36,087	
Accrued liabilities	289,614	291,969	
Related party liabilities	86	1,000	
Mortgage repurchase facility	65,305	29,115	
Senior notes, net	1,242,325	997,991	
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Total Liabilities	1,649,218	1,356,162	
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Commitments and Contingencies	-	-	
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Stockholders' Equity			
Preferred stock, \$0.01 par value; 25,000,000 shares authorized; none issued or outstanding	-	-	
Common stock, \$0.01 par value; 250,000,000 shares authorized; 47,194,000 and 47,138,000 issued and outstanding, respectively, at June 30, 2010 and 47,070,000 and 47,017,000 issued and outstanding, respectively, at December 31, 2009	472	471	
Additional paid-in-capital	810,929	802,675	
Retained earnings	222,532	270,659	
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(1,294)	-	
Treasury stock, at cost; 56,000 and 53,000 shares at June 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009, respectively	(659)	(659)	
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Total Stockholders' Equity	1,031,980	1,073,146	
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Total Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity	\$2,681,198	\$2,429,308	
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M.D.C. HOLDINGS, INC.
Information on Segments
(Dollars in thousands)
(Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2010	2009	2010	2009
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REVENUE				
Homebuilding				
West	\$123,193	\$81,758	\$180,330	\$156,440
Mountain	110,112	57,658	156,794	101,775
East	72,657	39,479	104,162	79,971
Other Homebuilding	16,757	13,117	25,793	26,800
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Total Homebuilding	322,719	192,012	467,079	364,986
Financial Services and Other	9,143	7,006	14,764	12,569
Corporate	-	-	-	50

Inter-company adjustments	(5,532)	(3,752)	(8,435)	(6,407)
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Consolidated	\$326,330	\$195,266	\$473,408	\$371,198
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(LOSS) INCOME BEFORE
INCOME TAXES

Homebuilding

West	\$6,357	\$10,075	\$8,711	\$(228)
Mountain	4,962	(2,308)	6,132	(7,119)
East	1,455	(4,626)	(64)	(6,997)
Other Homebuilding	295	(677)	(224)	(1,508)
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Total Homebuilding	13,069	2,464	14,555	(15,852)

Financial Services and

Other	4,089	2,615	5,935	4,236
Corporate	(20,857)	(24,142)	(45,431)	(48,520)
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Consolidated	\$(3,699)	\$(19,063)	\$(24,941)	\$(60,136)
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INVENTORY IMPAIRMENTS

West	\$-	\$(557)	\$-	\$12,510
Mountain	-	-	-	254
East	-	1,725	-	2,475
Other Homebuilding	-	-	-	284
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Consolidated	\$-	\$1,168	\$-	\$15,523
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June 30, 2010 December 31, 2009

TOTAL ASSETS

Homebuilding

West	\$300,848	\$190,204
Mountain	328,696	237,702
East	170,525	112,964
Other Homebuilding	36,457	26,778
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Total Homebuilding	836,526	567,648

Financial Services and

Other	183,478	133,957
Corporate	1,663,851	1,773,660
Inter-company adjustments	(2,657)	(45,957)
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Consolidated	\$2,681,198	\$2,429,308
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M.D.C. HOLDINGS, INC.
Selected Financial Data
(Dollars in thousands)
(Unaudited)

Three Months Ended June 30,		Change	
2010	2009	Amount	%
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SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA

General and Administrative
Expenses

Homebuilding	\$20,489	\$15,906	\$4,583	29%
Financial Services and Other	5,658	4,845	\$813	17%
Corporate (1)	18,441	17,053	\$1,388	8%
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Total	\$44,588	\$37,804	\$6,784	18%
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SG&A as a % of Home Sales

Revenue

Homebuilding Segments	14.0%	16.6%	-2.6%
Corporate Segment (1)	5.9%	9.2%	-3.3%

Depreciation and Amortization

(2)	\$5,169	\$2,831	\$2,338	83%
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Home Gross Margins (3)

Interest in Home Cost of Sales

as

a % of Home Sales Revenue	-2.6%	-4.7%	2.1%
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Cash Provided by (Used in)

Operating Activities	\$(190,450)	\$12,325	\$(202,775)
Investing Activities	\$(116,380)	\$(48,747)	\$(67,633)
Financing Activities	\$48,823	\$11,616	\$37,207

Corporate and Homebuilding

Interest

Interest capitalized, beginning of period	\$31,773	\$36,050	\$(4,277)	-12%
Interest capitalized, net of interest expense	\$8,849	\$4,700	\$4,149	88%
Previously capitalized interest included in home cost of sales	\$(8,202)	\$(8,661)	\$459	-5%
Interest capitalized, end of period	\$32,420	\$32,089	\$331	1%

Six Months Ended June 30,		Change	
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2010	2009	Amount	%
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SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA

General and Administrative

Expenses

Homebuilding	\$38,215	\$31,685	\$6,530	21%
Financial Services and Other	9,746	9,343	\$403	4%
Corporate (1)	36,839	35,162	\$1,677	5%
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Total	\$84,800	\$76,190	\$8,610	11%
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SG&A as a % of Home Sales

Revenue

Homebuilding Segments	16.3%	17.5%	-1.2%
Corporate Segment (1)	8.1%	10.0%	-1.9%

Depreciation and Amortization

(2)	\$8,101	\$6,724	\$1,377	20%
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Home Gross Margins (3)

Interest in Home Cost of Sales

as

a % of Home Sales Revenue	-2.5%	-4.7%	2.2%
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Cash Provided by (Used in)

Operating Activities	\$(178,934)	\$251,818	\$(430,752)
Investing Activities	\$(618,147)	\$33,943	\$(652,090)
Financing Activities	\$254,961	\$(30,664)	\$285,625

Corporate and Homebuilding

Interest

Interest capitalized, beginning of period	\$28,339	\$39,239	\$(10,900)	-28%
Interest capitalized, net of interest expense	\$15,485	\$9,544	\$5,941	62%
Previously capitalized interest included				
in home cost of sales	\$(11,404)	\$(16,694)	\$5,290	-32%
Interest capitalized, end of period	\$32,420	\$32,089	\$331	1%

(1) Includes related party expenses.

(2) Includes depreciation and amortization of long-lived assets and amortization of deferred marketing costs.

(3) Home sales revenue less home cost of sales (excluding commissions, amortization of deferred marketing, project cost write offs and asset impairments) as a percent of home sales revenue. During the three months ended June 30, 2010 and June 30, 2009, we closed homes on lots for which we had previously recorded \$50.7 million and \$47.4 million, respectively, of asset impairments. During the six months ended June 30, 2010 and June 30, 2009, we closed homes on lots for which we had previously recorded \$81.7 million and \$90.6 million, respectively, of asset impairments.

M.D.C. HOLDINGS, INC.
Selected Financial Data
(Dollars in thousands)
(Unaudited)

Three Months Ended June 30,		Change	
2010	2009	Amount	%

HOMEAMERICAN OPERATING
ACTIVITIES

Principal amount of mortgage
loans originated \$240,693 \$142,191 \$98,502 69%

Principal amount of mortgage
loans brokered \$882 \$6,030 \$(5,148) -85%

Capture Rate 87% 82% 5%
Including brokered loans 88% 85% 3%

Mortgage products (% of
mortgage loans originated)

Fixed rate 97% 100% -3%
Adjustable rate - other 3% 0% 3%

Prime loans (4) 26% 27% -1%
Government loans (5) 74% 73% 1%

	Ended June 30,		Change	
	2010	2009	Amount	%
HOMEAMERICAN OPERATING ACTIVITIES				
Principal amount of mortgage loans originated	\$348,783	\$268,698	\$80,085	30%
Principal amount of mortgage loans brokered	\$3,738	\$18,995	\$(15,257)	-80%
Capture Rate	86%	80%	6%	
Including brokered loans	87%	85%	2%	
Mortgage products (% of mortgage loans originated)				
Fixed rate	96%	100%	-4%	
Adjustable rate - other	4%	0%	4%	
Prime loans (4)	25%	34%	-9%	
Government loans (5)	75%	66%	9%	

(4) Prime loans generally are defined as loans with Fair, Isaac and Company ("FICO") scores greater than 620 and that comply with the documentation standards of the government sponsored enterprise guidelines.

(5) Government loans are loans either insured by the Federal Housing Administration or guaranteed by the Department of Veteran Affairs.

M.D.C. HOLDINGS, INC.
Homebuilding Operational Data
(Dollars in thousands)
(Unaudited)

	December		
	June 30, 2010	31, 2009	June 30, 2009
HOMES COMPLETED OR UNDER CONSTRUCTION			
Unsold Home Under Construction - Final	47	41	82
Unsold Home Under Construction - Frame	720	389	248
Unsold Home Under Construction - Foundation	124	109	122
Total Unsold Homes Under Construction	891	539	452
Sold Homes Under Construction	865	570	664
Model Homes	226	212	246
Homes Completed or Under Construction	1,982	1,321	1,362
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LOTS OWNED (excluding homes completed or under construction)

Arizona	1,165	1,075	1,247
California	1,130	581	618
Nevada	681	966	936
West	2,976	2,622	2,801
Colorado	2,893	2,514	2,541
Utah	569	545	568
Mountain	3,462	3,059	3,109

Delaware Valley	55	82	101
Maryland	144	100	169
Virginia	371	241	210
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East	570	423	480
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Florida	184	138	213
Illinois	134	141	141
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Other Homebuilding		318	279 354
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Total	7,326	6,383	6,744
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M.D.C. HOLDINGS, INC.
Homebuilding Operational Data
(Dollars in thousands)
(Unaudited)

	December		
	June 30,	31,	June 30,
	2010	2009	2009
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LOTS CONTROLLED UNDER OPTION			
Arizona	499	328	416
California	152	113	145
Nevada	570	222	95
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West	1,221	663	656
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Colorado	644	537	157
Utah	156	117	12
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Mountain	800	654	169
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Delaware Valley	-	-	-
Maryland	655	575	409
Virginia	272	192	251
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East	927	767	660
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Florida	658	500	486
Illinois	-	-	-
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Other Homebuilding		658	500 486
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Total	3,606	2,584	1,971
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NON-REFUNDABLE OPTION DEPOSITS			
Cash	\$7,933	\$7,654	\$5,295
Letters of Credit	2,727	2,134	3,383
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Total Non-Refundable Option Deposits		\$10,660	\$9,788 \$8,678
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(Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Change	
	2010	2009	Amount	%
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HOMES CLOSED (UNITS)				
Arizona	242	181	61	34%
California	68	52	16	31%
Nevada	221	114	107	94%
West	531	347	184	53%
Colorado	230	113	117	104%
Utah	147	56	91	163%
Mountain	377	169	208	123%
Delaware Valley	12	11	1	9%
Maryland	75	39	36	92%
Virginia	68	45	23	51%
East	155	95	60	63%
Florida	72	44	28	64%
Illinois	-	10	(10)	-100%
Other Homebuilding	72	54	18	33%
Total	1,135	665	470	71%
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AVERAGE SELLING
PRICES PER
HOME CLOSED

Arizona	\$190.7	\$197.9	\$(7.2)	-4%
California	444.7	414.0	30.7	7%
Colorado	303.0	341.7	(38.7)	-11%
Delaware Valley	377.1	393.6	(16.5)	-4%
Florida	227.3	227.1	0.2	0%
Illinois	-	312.1	N/A	N/A
Maryland	476.2	381.7	94.5	25%
Nevada	187.2	210.3	(23.1)	-11%
Utah	274.7	301.5	(26.8)	-9%
Virginia	476.2	451.3	24.9	6%
Company Average	\$274.3	\$279.0	\$(4.7)	-2%

	Six Months Ended June 30,		Change	
	2010	2009	Amount	%
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HOMES CLOSED (UNITS)				
Arizona	350	353	(3)	-1%
California	114	111	3	3%
Nevada	319	188	131	70%
West	783	652	131	20%

Colorado	338	204	134	66%
Utah	199	96	103	107%
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Mountain	537	300	237	79%
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Delaware Valley	16	30	(14)	-47%
Maryland	101	65	36	55%
Virginia	108	86	22	26%
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East	225	181	44	24%
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Florida	113	93	20	22%
Illinois	-	19	(19)	-100%
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Other Homebuilding	113	112	1	1%
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Total	1,658	1,245	413	33%
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AVERAGE SELLING
PRICES PER
HOME CLOSED

Arizona	\$194.7	\$195.3	\$(0.6)	0%
California	407.3	405.6	1.7	0%
Colorado	302.0	346.4	(44.4)	-13%
Delaware Valley	366.4	413.4	(47.0)	-11%
Florida	224.8	223.0	1.8	1%
Illinois	-	316.0	N/A	N/A
Maryland	462.9	405.2	57.7	14%
Nevada	187.8	207.4	(19.6)	-9%
Utah	274.4	300.3	(25.9)	-9%
Virginia	476.8	478.5	(1.7)	0%
Company Average	\$272.7	\$283.2	\$(10.5)	-4%

M.D.C. HOLDINGS, INC.
Homebuilding Operational Data
(Dollars in thousands)
(Unaudited)

Three Months		Change	
Ended June 30,			
2010	2009	Amount	%
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ORDERS FOR HOMES, NET
(UNITS)

Arizona	184	214	(30)	-14%
California	109	112	(3)	-3%
Nevada	195	153	42	27%
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West	488	479	9	2%
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Colorado	232	206	26	13%
Utah	110	86	24	28%
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Mountain	342	292	50	17%
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Delaware Valley	2	19	(17)	-89%
Maryland	60	54	6	11%
Virginia	76	61	15	25%

East	138	134	4	3%
Florida	47	64	(17)	-27%
Illinois	-	8	(8)	-100%
Other Homebuilding	47	72	(25)	-35%
Total	1,015	977	38	4%
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Estimated Value of Orders

for				
Homes, net	\$281,000	\$289,000	\$(8,000)	-3%
Estimated Average Selling Price of				
Orders for Homes, net	\$276.8	\$295.8	\$(19.0)	-6%
Cancellation Rate(6)	25%	20%	5%	

	Six Months Ended June 30,		Change	
	2010	2009	Amount	%
ORDERS FOR HOMES, NET (UNITS)				
Arizona	352	372	(20)	-5%
California	135	187	(52)	-28%
Nevada	365	248	117	47%
West	852	807	45	6%
Colorado	502	340	162	48%
Utah	235	127	108	85%
Mountain	737	467	270	58%
Delaware Valley	16	33	(17)	-52%
Maryland	93	91	2	2%
Virginia	142	117	25	21%
East	251	241	10	4%
Florida	106	122	(16)	-13%
Illinois	-	16	(16)	-100%
Other Homebuilding	106	138	(32)	-23%
Total	1,946	1,653	293	18%
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Estimated Value of Orders

for				
Homes, net	\$539,000	\$480,000	\$59,000	12%
Estimated Average Selling Price of				
Orders for Homes, net	\$277.0	\$290.4	\$(13.4)	-5%
Cancellation Rate(6)	24%	22%	2%	

(6) We define "Cancellation Rate" as the approximate number of cancelled home order contracts during a reporting period as a percent of total home orders received during such reporting period.

M.D.C. HOLDINGS, INC.
Homebuilding Operational Data
(Dollars in thousands)
(Unaudited)

	December		
	June 30,	31,	June 30,
	2010	2009	2009
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BACKLOG (UNITS)			
Arizona	105	103	177
California	97	76	125
Nevada	134	88	113
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West	336	267	415
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Colorado	371	207	208
Utah	130	94	73
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Mountain	501	301	281
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Delaware Valley	23	23	30
Maryland	95	103	84
Virginia	107	73	67
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East	225	199	181
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Florida	52	59	64
Illinois	-	-	-
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Other Homebuilding	52	59	64
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Total	1,114	826	941
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Backlog Estimated			
Sales Value	\$351,000	\$265,000	\$295,000
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Estimated Average			
Selling Price			
of Homes in Backlog	\$315.1	\$320.8	\$313.5
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ACTIVE SUBDIVISIONS			
Arizona	26	28	27
California	6	3	10
Nevada	15	18	19
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West	47	49	56
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Colorado	41	42	43
Utah	18	16	18
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Mountain	59	58	61
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Delaware Valley	1	1	1
Maryland	9	8	9
Virginia	9	7	7
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East	19	16	17
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Florida	9	10	8
Illinois	-	-	-
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Other Homebuilding	9	10	8
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Total	134	133	142
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Average for quarter ended	133	134	160
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M.D.C. HOLDINGS, INC.
Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Financial Measure
(Dollars in thousands)
(Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2010	2009	2010	2009
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Home Sales Revenue -As reported	\$311,276	\$185,554	\$452,219	\$352,536
Home Cost of Sales -As reported	\$255,062	\$152,118	\$364,452	\$293,443
Warranty Adjustments	(1,677)	(10,904)	(5,606)	(14,547)
Interest in Cost of Sales	8,202	8,661	11,404	16,694
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Home Cost of Sales -Excluding Warranty Adjustments and Interest	\$248,537	\$154,361	\$358,654	\$307,990
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Home Gross Margins -Excluding Warranty Adjustments and Interest (7)	20.2%	16.8%	20.7%	12.6%

(7) Home Gross Margins excluding the impact of warranty adjustments and interest in cost of sales is a non-GAAP financial measure. We believe this information is meaningful as it isolates the impact that warranty adjustments and interest have on our Home Gross Margins.

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