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#### **FORM 144**

# NOTICE OF PROPOSED SALE OF SECURITIES PURSUANT TO RULE 144 UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

ATTENTION: Transmit for filing 3 copies of this form concurrently with either placing an order with a broker to execute sale or executing a sale directly with a market maker.

1 (a) NAME OF ISSUER (Please type or print) (b) IRS IDENT. NO. (c) S.E.C. FILE

NO.

MDC Partners Inc.

98-0364441

001-13718

1 ( d ) ADDRESS OF ISSUER STREET CITY

STATE ZIP CODE

AREA NUMBER

950 Third Avenue, New York, NY 10022 CODE

(646) 429-1800

(e) TELEPHONE NO.

2 (a) NAME OF (b) RELATIONSHIP (c) ADDRESS STREET CITY STATE ZIP

PERSON FOR WHOSE TO ISSUER CODE

ACCOUNT THE

SECURITIES ARE TO Chief Financial c/o MDC Partners Inc., 950 Third Avenue, New York,

BE SOLD Officer NY 10022

David Doft

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INSTRUCTION: The person filing this notice should contact the issuer to obtain the I.R.S. Identification Number and the S.E.C. File Number.

| 3 (a)        | (b)                       | SEC USE<br>ONLY | (c)         | (d)             | (e)            | (f)               | (g)         |
|--------------|---------------------------|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------|
|              | Name and Address          |                 |             |                 |                |                   |             |
|              | of Each<br>Broker Through |                 |             |                 |                |                   |             |
|              | Whom the                  |                 | Number of   |                 |                |                   |             |
|              | Securities are to be      |                 | Shares      |                 | Number of      |                   | Name of     |
|              | Offered                   |                 | or Other    | Aggregate       | Shares         |                   | Each        |
| Title of the | or Each Market            |                 | Units       | Market          | or Other Units | Approximate       | Securities  |
| Class of     | Maker                     |                 | To Be Sold  | Value           | Outstanding    | Date of Sale      | Exchange    |
| Securities   | who is Acquiring          | Broker-Dealer   | (See instr. | (See instr.     | (See instr.    | (See instr. 3(f)) | (See instr. |
| To Be Solo   | l the Securities          | File Number     | 3(c))       | 3(d))           | 3(e))          | (MO. DAY YR.      | 3(g)        |
| Class A      | TD Ameritrade             |                 | 15,000      | \$245,550       | 29,536,114 (as | s 3/29/11         | Nasdaq and  |
| Shares       |                           |                 |             | (as of 3/24/11) | of 3/1/11)     |                   | TSX         |

| INSTRUCTIO  | NS: |  | 3. (a) Title of the class of securities to  |
|-------------|-----|--|---|
| morrochons. |     |  | be sold   |
| 1.          | (a) | Name of issuer   | (b) Name and address of each broker through whom the securities are   |
|             | (b) | Issuer's I.R.S. Identification Number  | intended to be sold   |
|             | (c) | Issuer's S.E.C. file number, if any  | (c) Number of shares or other units<br>to be sold (if debt securities, give<br>the  |
|             | (d) | Issuer's address, including zip code   | aggregate face amount)  |
|             | (e) | Issuer's telephone number, including area code   | (d) Aggregate market value of the securities to be sold as of a specified   |
|             | (f) | Approximate date on which the securities are to be sold  | date within 10 days prior to the filing of this notice  |
|             | (g) | Name of each securities exchange, if any, on which the securities are intended to be sold  | <ul> <li>(e) Number of shares or other units of the class outstanding, or if debt securities the face amount thereof outstanding, as shown by the most recent report or statement published by the issuer</li> <li>(f) Approximate date on which the securities are to be sole</li> </ul> |
| 2.          | (a) | Name of person for whose account the securities are to be sold   | (g) Name of each securities<br>exchange, if any, on which the<br>securities are intended to be sold   |
|             | (b) | Such person's relationship to the issuer (e.g., officer, director, 10% stockholder, or member of immediate family of any of the foregoing) |   |
|             | (c) | Such person's address, including zip code  |   |

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#### TABLE I - SECURITIES TO BE SOLD

Furnish the following information with respect to the acquisition of the securities to be sold and with respect to the payment of all or any part of the purchase price or other consideration therefor:

| Title of  | Date you | 1 7                     | Name of Person from Whom       | Amount of  | Date of |           |
|-----------|----------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|------------|---------|-----------|
| the Class | 2        | Nature of Acquisition   | Acquired                       | Securities | Payment | Nature of |
|           | •        | Transaction             | (If gift, also give date donor | Acquired   | •       | Payment   |
|           |          |                         | acquired)                      | •          |         | •         |
| Class A   | Prior to | Awarded pursuant to     | Original Issue                 | 15,000     | N/A     | N/A       |
| Shares    | 2010     | the Issuer's 2005 Stock | -                              |            |         |           |
|           |          | Incentive Plan          |                                |            |         |           |

**INSTRUCTIONS:** 

If the securities were purchased and full payment therefor was not made in cash at the time of purchase, explain in the table or in a note thereto the nature of the consideration given. If the consideration consisted of any note or other obligation, or if payment was made in installments describe the arrangement and state when the note or other obligation was discharged in full or the last installment paid.

#### TABLE II - SECURITIES SOLD DURING THE PAST 3 MONTHS

Furnish the following information as to all securities of the issuer sold during the past 3 months by the person for whose account the securities are to be sold.

|     |                            |                     | Amount of |                 |                       |
|-----|----------------------------|---------------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------------------|
|     | Name and Address of Seller | Title of Securities | Date of   | Securities Sold | <b>Gross Proceeds</b> |
|     |                            | Sold                | Sale      |                 |                       |
| N/A |                            | N/A                 | N/A       | N/A             | N/A                   |

#### **REMARKS**:

(1) The filing of this Form 144 shall not be construed as an admission that the undersigned is an Affiliate of the Issuer.

#### **INSTRUCTIONS:**

See the definition of "person" in paragraph (a) of Rule 144. Information is to be given not only as to the person for whose account the securities are to be sold but also as to all other persons included in that definition. In addition, information shall be given as to sales by all persons whose sales are required by paragraph (e) of Rule 144 to be aggregated with sales for the account of the person filing this notice.

ATTENTION: The person for whose account the securities to which this notice relates are to be sold hereby represents by signing this notice that he does not know any material adverse information in regard to the current and prospective operations of the Issuer of the securities to be sold which has not been publicly disclosed. If each person has adopted a written trading plan or given trading instructions to satisfy Rule 10b5-1 under the Exchange Act, by signing the form and indicating the date that the plan was adopted or the instruction given, that person makes

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such representation as of the plan adoption or instruction date.

March 25, 2011 DATE OF NOTICE /s/ David Doft (1) (SIGNATURE)

DATE OF PLAN ADOPTION OR GIVING OF INSTRUCTION, IF RELYING ON RULE 10B5-1 The notice shall be signed by the person for whose account the securities are to be sold. At least one copy of the notice shall be manually signed. Any copies not manually signed shall bear typed or printed signatures.

ATTENTION: Intentional misstatements or omission of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations (See 18 U.S.C. 1001)