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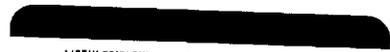
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Mr. Brian Johnson  
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Dear Mr. Johnson:

The New York Stock Exchange certifies approval for listing and registration under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, M.D.C. HOLDINGS, INC., Medium Term Senior Notes (Fixed Rate Notes) due July 1, 2015 and requests immediate acceleration of registration. Adequate distribution assured. Form 8-A received on July 12, 2005. Tentative listing date - July 14, 2005.

Sincerely,

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