## FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Name and Address of Reporting Person*     ZELL SAMUEL					<u>M</u>	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  MANUFACTURED HOME  COMMUNITIES INC [ MHC ]								(Ch	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  X Director X 10% Owner  Officer (check title Check Consolite)				
(Last) TWO NO SUITE 6	VO NORTH RIVERSIDE PLAZA						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/30/2004								X Officer (give title Other (specify below)  Chairman of the Board				
(Street) CHICAGO IL 60606				_	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								Line	Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)     X Form filed by One Reporting Person     Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
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							Code	v /	Amount (A) or (D) Price			ansaction(s) nstr. 3 and 4)							
Common	Stock, par	value \$.01		01/30/20	04				M		10,000	A	\$14.3	75	54,000	D			
Common Stock, par value \$.01		_									$\perp$	7,000	I	*(1)					
Common Stock, par value \$.01		_									$\perp$	24,112	I	***(2)					
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Common Stock, par value \$.01													10,551	I	*****	**(5)			
Common Stock, par value \$.01													446,000	I	*****	**(6)			
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Non- Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	<b>\$</b> 14.375	01/30/2004			М			10,000		(10)	05/04/200	4 Sto	nmon Ock, value 01	0,000	\$14.375	0	D		

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. The shares reported herein are beneficially owned by the Donald S. Chisholm Trust. Mr. Zell is the trustee of such trust but he disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares owned by such trust.
- 2. Shares reported herein are beneficially owned by The Security Trust Company as Trustee of the Manufactured Home Communities, Inc. Supplemental Employees Retirement Plan for the benefit of the Reporting Person.
- 3. The shares reported herein are beneficially owned by Samstock/SZRT, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company whose sole member is the Sam Zell Revocable Trust ("Zell Trust"). Mr. Zell is the trustee and beneficiary of such trust.
- 4. The shares reported herein are beneficially owned by Samstock/ZGPI, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company, whose sole member is Zell General Partnership, Inc. ("Zell GP"). Sam Investment Trust ("SIT") is the sole stockholder of Zell GP. Chai Trust Company, L.L.C. ("Chai Trust") is the trustee of SIT. Mr. Zell is not an officer or director of Chai Trust and does not have voting or dispositive power over such shares. Mr. Zell disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.
- 5. The shares reported herein are beneficially owned by the Zell Trust.
- 6. The shares reported herein are beneficially owned by Samstock, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company whose sole member is SZ Investments, L.L.C. ("SZ"). The managing member of SZ is Zell GP. SIT is the sole stockholder of Zell GP, and Chai Trust is the trustee of SIT. Mr. Zell is not an officer of director of Chai Trust and does not have voting or dispositive power over such shares. Mr. Zell disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.
- 7. The shares reported herein are beneficially owned by Samstock/Alpha, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company whose sole member is Alphabet Partners, an Illinois Partnership. Alphabet Partners is owned by various trusts established for the benefit of Mr. Zell and members of his family, the trustee of which is Chai Trust. Mr. Zell is not an officer or director of Chai Trust and does not have voting or dispositive power over such shares. Mr. Zell disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.
- 8. The shares reported herein are beneficially owned by Samstock/ZFT, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company whose sole member is ZFT Partnership, an Illinois partnership. ZFT Partnership is owned by

various trusts established for the benefit of Mr. Zell and members of his family, the trustee of which is Chai Trust. Mr. Zell is not an officer or director of Chai Trust and does not have voting or dispositive power over such shares. Mr. Zell disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares except to the extent to his pecuniary interest therein.

9. The shares of Common Stock reported herein are beneficially owned by the Helen Zell Revocable Trust ("HZRT"). Samuel Zell's spouse, Helen Zell, is the trustee of the HZRT. Samuel Zell disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares reported as beneficially owned by him except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

10. Stock option is exercisable: 1/3 on 11/4/94; 1/3 on 5/4/95, and 1/3 5/4/96.

By: Jennifer L. Usher, by
Power of Atty. For: Samuel 02/02/2004

Zell

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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