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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person \* Requiring Statement MDU RESOURCES GROUP INC [MDU] Moylan Daniel B (Month/Day/Year) 01/10/2006 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) MDU RESOURCES GROUP, (Check all applicable) INC., P. O. BOX 5650 (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group 10% Owner Director \_X\_\_ Officer Other Filing(Check Applicable Line) (give title below) (specify below) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Chief Accounting Officer Person BISMARCK, Â NDÂ 58506-5650 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Â Common Stock D 715.663 Common Stock - (401-k) 2,318.374 I By Trustee Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying |             | 5.<br>Ownership | 6. Nature of Indirect<br>Beneficial |
|--------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
|                                            |                                                          | Derivative Security                          | or Exercise | Form of         | Ownership                           |
|                                            |                                                          | (Instr. 4)                                   | Price of    | Derivative      | (Instr. 5)                          |

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|                              | Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | Title           | Amount or<br>Number of<br>Shares | Derivative<br>Security | Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) |   |
|------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|---|
| Stock Options (Right to buy) | 02/12/2004          | 02/12/2011         | Common<br>Stock | 300                              | \$ 19.83               | D                                               | Â |

### **Reporting Owners**

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                                            | Relationships |           |                          |       |  |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|--------------------------|-------|--|
|                                                                                           | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                  | Other |  |
| Moylan Daniel B<br>MDU RESOURCES GROUP, INC.<br>P. O. BOX 5650<br>BISMARCK, ND 58506-5650 | Â             | Â         | Chief Accounting Officer | Â     |  |

#### **Signatures**

Daniel B.
Moylan

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).
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