

Meritage Homes CORP
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
HILTON STEVEN J

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 17851 NORTH 85TH STREET, SUITE 300
 (Street)

SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85255

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
Meritage Homes CORP [MTH]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 01/02/2008

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Code V Amount (D) Price | | |

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

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

| 1. Title of Derivative Security | 2. Conversion or Exercise | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Transaction Code | 5. Number of Derivative Securities | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|--|---|
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| (Instr. 3) | Price of Derivative Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amo or Num of S |
|------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|------------|--|------|---|-----|-----|---------------------|--------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| MTH COMMON STOCK | \$ 13.69 | 01/02/2008 | A | 20,000 | | | | | 01/02/2009 | 01/02/2015 | MTH COMMON STOCK | 20, |
| MTH COMMON STOCK | \$ 13.69 | 01/02/2008 | A | 20,000 | | | | | 01/02/2010 | 01/02/2015 | MTH COMMON STOCK | 20, |
| MTH COMMON STOCK | \$ 13.69 | 01/02/2008 | A | 20,000 | | | | | 01/02/2011 | 01/02/2015 | MTH COMMON STOCK | 20, |
| MTH COMMON STOCK | \$ 13.69 | 01/02/2008 | A | 20,000 | | | | | 01/02/2012 | 01/02/2015 | MTH COMMON STOCK | 20, |
| MTH COMMON STOCK | \$ 13.69 | 01/02/2008 | A | 20,000 | | | | | 01/02/2013 | 01/02/2015 | MTH COMMON STOCK | 20, |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|--------------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| HILTON STEVEN J 17851 NORTH 85TH STREET SUITE 300 SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85255 | X | | CEO | |

Signatures

/s/ Steven J.
Hilton

01/02/2008

**Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* 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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