

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

POST-EFFECTIVE AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO
FORM S-8
REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

Meritage Corporation
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Maryland
(State or Other Jurisdiction of
Incorporation or Organization)

86-0611231
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

6613 North Scottsdale Road, Suite 200, Scottsdale, Arizona 85250
(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

1988 Homeplex Mortgage Investments
Corporation Stock Option Plan
(Full Title of the Plan)

Larry W. Seay
Chief Financial Officer and Vice President-Finance
Meritage Corporation
6613 North Scottsdale Road, Suite 200
Scottsdale, Arizona 85250
(Name, Address of Agent for Service)

(480) 998-8700
(Telephone Number, Including Area Code, of Agent for Service)

With copy to:
Steven D. Pidgeon
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One Arizona Center
400 East Van Buren Street
Phoenix, Arizona 85004
(602) 382-6000

This Amendment to Registration Statement shall become effective immediately upon filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

DEREGISTRATION OF UNSOLD SECURITIES

The undersigned Registrant hereby removes and withdraws from registration all of the unsold shares of its Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share, previously registered pursuant to this Registration Statement on Form S-8 (Registration No. 33-38230), as all option grants under the plan have been exercised.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this Post-Effective Amendment to the Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Scottsdale, State of Arizona, on April 12, 2002.

MERITAGE CORPORATION

By: /s/ Larry W. Seay

Larry W. Seay
Chief Financial Officer and
Vice President-Finance

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Post-Effective Amendment to the Registration Statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the date indicated.

Signature Title Date

/s/ John R. Landon Co-Chairman, Co-Chief April 12, 2002
- ----- Executive Officer and Director

John R. Landon (Principal Executive Officer)

/s/ Steven J. Hilton Co-Chairman, Co-Chief April 12, 2002
- ----- Executive Officer and Director

Steven J. Hilton (Principal Executive Officer)

/s/ Larry W. Seay Chief Financial Officer and April 12, 2002
- ----- Vice President - Finance

Larry W. Seay (Principal Financial and
Principal Accounting Officer)