

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

DATE OF REPORT (DATE OF EARLIEST EVENT REPORTED): APRIL 24, 2003

MERITAGE CORPORATION
(EXACT NAME OF REGISTRANT AS SPECIFIED IN CHARTER)

MARYLAND
(STATE OR OTHER JURISDICTION
OF INCORPORATION)

I-9977
(COMMISSION
FILE NUMBER)

86-0611231
(IRS EMPLOYER
IDENTIFICATION NO.)

8501 E. PRINCESS DRIVE, SUITE 290, SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA
(ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES)

85255
(ZIP CODE)

(480) 609-3330
(REGISTRANT'S TELEPHONE NUMBER, INCLUDING AREA CODE)

NOT APPLICABLE
(FORMER NAME OR FORMER ADDRESS, IF CHANGED SINCE LAST REPORT)
ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, PRO FORMA FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND EXHIBITS.

(c) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release dated April 24, 2003.

ITEM 9. REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE AND

ITEM 12. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION

References to "we," "our" and "us" in this Current Report on Form 8-K refer to Meritage Corporation and its consolidated subsidiaries.

On April 24, 2003, we issued a press release to announce our first quarter earnings for the three months ended March 31, 2003. A copy of this press release, including information concerning forward-looking statements and factors that may affect our future results, is attached as Exhibit 99.1. This press release is being furnished, not filed, under Item 12 in this Report on Form 8-K.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Dated: April 24, 2003

MERITAGE CORPORATION

By: /s/ Vicki L. Biggs

Vicki L. Biggs
Chief Accounting Officer and
Vice President-Controller

EXHIBIT INDEX

EXHIBIT NO. DESCRIPTION
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99.1 Earnings Release - First Quarter 2003