
UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

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

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported) December 1, 2003

MERITAGE CORPORATION

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Maryland

1-9977

86-0611231

(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

(Commission File
Number)

(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

8501 E. Princess Drive, Suite 290, Scottsdale, Arizona 85255

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

(480) 609-3330

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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99.1 Notice to Directors and Executive Officers of Meritage Corporation, dated December 1, 2003.

ITEM 11. TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF TRADING UNDER REGISTRANT'S EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS.

On November 14, 2003, Meritage Corporation received notice of a blackout period for its Meritage Corporation 401(k) Savings Plan (the "Plan"). The blackout period is necessary because the Plan will be changing its service provider. During the blackout period, Plan participants will be unable to direct or diversify investments in their accounts, obtain a loan from the Plan, or obtain a distribution from the Plan. The blackout period is estimated to begin on December 17, 2003 and end on January 22, 2004. The Company provided notice of the blackout period to its directors and executive officers on December 1, 2003. A copy of such notice is being provided as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

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: December 2, 2003

MERITAGE CORPORATION

/s/ Larry W. Seay

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

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Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Notice to Directors and Executive Officers of Meritage Corporation dated December 1, 2003.

Important Sarbanes Oxley Blackout Notice

DATE: December 1, 2003
TO: Directors and Officers of Meritage Corporation
FROM: Meritage Corporation

1. This notice is to inform you that the Meritage Corporation 401(k) Savings Plan, which contains Meritage Corporation common stock in its trust fund, will be changing its service provider. As a result of the change, the Plan will face a "Blackout Period."
2. As a result of these changes, Participants temporarily will be unable to direct or diversify investments in their accounts, obtain a loan from the Plan, or obtain a distribution from the Plan. This period, during which the participants will be unable to exercise these rights otherwise available under the Plan, is called a "Blackout Period." Whether or not a Participant is planning retirement in the near future, it is encouraged Participants carefully consider how this Blackout Period may affect their retirement planning, as well as their overall financial plan.
3. The blackout period for the Plan is estimated to begin on December 17, 2003 and end on January 22, 2004.
4. This notice is provided to you pursuant to Rule 104 of Regulation BTR and Section 306 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. Pursuant to these rules, directors and executive officers may not directly or indirectly purchase, sell or otherwise acquire or transfer any equity security (except for certain defined exempt securities) of Meritage during the Blackout Period. Accordingly, you may not engage in such transactions in Meritage stock during such period of time.
5. If you have any questions during this notice, you should contact:

Linda Gosselink
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Scottsdale, Arizona 85255
480-303-6700