
**UNITED STATES
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) December 15, 2008

MERITAGE HOMES CORPORATION

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Maryland
(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

1-9977
(Commission File
Number)

86-0611231
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

17851 N. 85th Street, Suite 300, Scottsdale, Arizona
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

85255
(Zip Code)

(480) 515-8100
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

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ITEM 5.02 DEPARTURE OF DIRECTORS OR CERTAIN OFFICERS; ELECTION OF DIRECTORS; APPOINTMENT OF CERTAIN OFFICERS;
COMPENSATORY ARRANGEMENTS OF CERTAIN OFFICERS

On December 15, 2008, it was announced that effective immediately Steven M. Davis, the Company's Executive Vice President of National Homebuilding Operations, was appointed Chief Operating Officer.

Mr. Davis will receive no additional compensation or benefits in connection with this appointment.

Mr. Davis has been Executive Vice President of National Homebuilding Operations of Meritage Homes Corporation since October 2006. From 2000 to September 2006, Mr. Davis was employed by KBHome as a Regional General Manager, with various other management roles at KB Home from 1995 to 2000.

A copy of the press release announcing this appointment is attached as Exhibit 99.1.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release dated December 17, 2008

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 17, 2008

MERITAGE HOMES CORPORATION

/s/ Larry W. Seay

By: Larry W. Seay
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press release

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MERITAGE HOMES PROMOTES STEVE DAVIS TO CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER

SCOTTSDALE, ARIZ. (December 17, 2008) — Meritage Homes Corporation (NYSE: MTH) a leading U.S. homebuilder, today announced the promotion of Steve Davis to the newly created position of chief operating officer.

“Over the past two years, as executive vice president of national homebuilding operations, Steve has successfully directed our operating teams to align our product and organization for the challenging environment we face today,” said Steven J. Hilton, chairman and chief executive officer of Meritage. “This promotion recognizes Steve’s contributions to date, and positions him to work closely with our operating presidents to continue improving our execution, earning high levels of customer satisfaction, and refining our strategy to take advantage of the next upturn in the housing market.”

An industry veteran, Davis has more than 25 years’ experience in the homebuilding industry and a diverse operational background. Prior to joining Meritage, Davis led a start-up operation for a major homebuilder in the post-hurricane Katrina Gulf Coast. In regional roles he established a successful track record, leading national initiatives focused on construction, customer service and purchasing, and successfully executing a turnaround strategy that significantly improved customer satisfaction while gaining operating efficiencies.

Davis earned his bachelor’s degree in business management from Park University and graduated from the University of Arkansas with a master’s degree in operations management. Prior to entering the homebuilding industry, he served five years in the U.S. Air Force.

About Meritage Homes Corporation

Meritage Homes Corporation (NYSE:MTH) builds primarily single-family homes across the southern and western United States under the Meritage, Monterey and Legacy brands. Meritage has active communities in Houston, Dallas/Ft. Worth, Austin, San Antonio, Phoenix/Scottsdale, Tucson, Las Vegas, the East Bay/Central Valley and Inland Empire of California, Denver and Orlando. The Company was ranked by *Builder* magazine in 2008 as the 12th largest homebuilder in the U.S. and ranked #803 on the 2008 *Fortune* 1000 list. For more information about the Company, visit www.meritagehomes.com.

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