

**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) **November 13, 2009**

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)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

ITEM 5.04 **TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF TRADING UNDER REGISTRANT'S EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS.**

On November 13, 2009, Meritage Homes Corporation received notice of a blackout period for its Meritage Homes 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, request or obtain a loan or withdrawal from the Plan, or transfer monies. The blackout period is estimated to begin on December 28, 2009 and end on January 25, 2010. The Company provided notice of the blackout period to its directors and executive officers on November 18, 2009. A copy of such notice is being provided as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 9.01 **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.**

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Notice to Directors and Executive Officers of Meritage Homes Corporation, dated November 18, 2009.

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: November 18, 2009

MERITAGE HOMES CORPORATION

/s/ Larry W. Seay

Larry W. Seay
Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Chief Accounting Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

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Important Sarbanes Oxley Blackout Notice

DATE: November 18, 2009
TO: Directors and Officers of Meritage Homes Corporation
FROM: Meritage Homes Corporation

1. This notice is to inform you that the Meritage Homes Corporation 401(k) Savings Plan, which contains Meritage Homes 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, request or obtain a loan or withdrawal from the Plan, or transfer monies. 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 28, 2009 and end on January 25, 2010.
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:

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Scottsdale, Arizona 85255
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