

**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) **January 27, 2010**

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

(e) On January 27, 2010, Meritage Homes Corporation (the "Company") paid discretionary cash bonuses to certain of its employees and officers. These bonuses, which were approved by the Company's Executive Compensation Committee, were in recognition of the employees' efforts and accomplishments during a particularly challenging economic environment in 2009. Included in these bonus awards were payments to the following executive officers:

Larry W. Seay, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer	\$ 250,000
C. Timothy White, Executive Vice President and General Counsel	\$ 250,000
Steven Davis, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer	\$ 375,000

Steven J. Hilton, the Company's Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, declined to accept a bonus award.

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: January 29, 2010

MERITAGE HOMES CORPORATION

/s/ Larry W. Seay
By: Larry W. Seay
Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Chief Accounting Officer

