FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person[*] WHITE C TIMOTHY	2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol Meritage Homes CORP [MTH]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
(Last) (First) (Middle) 17851 NORTH 85TH STREET, SUITE 300	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/29/2007	___ Director ___ 10% Owner X__ Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below) EVP, Gen. Counsel, Secretary
(Street) SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85255	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person ___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
(City) (State) (Zip)		

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
MTH COMMON STOCK [(1)]	01/29/2007		A		7,500	A	$ 0	28,764	D	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(*e.g.*, puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
MTH COMMON STOCK [(2)]	$ 42.82	01/29/2007		A		3,000		01/29/2008	01/28/2014	MTH COMMON STOCK	3,000	$ 0	3,000	D	
MTH COMMON STOCK [(2)]	$ 42.82	01/29/2007		A		3,000		01/29/2009	01/28/2014	MTH COMMON STOCK	3,000	$ 0	6,000	D	
MTH COMMON STOCK [(2)]	$ 42.82	01/29/2007		A		3,000		01/29/2010	01/28/2014	MTH COMMON STOCK	3,000	$ 0	9,000	D	
MTH COMMON STOCK [(2)]	$ 42.82	01/29/2007		A		3,000		01/29/2011	01/28/2014	MTH COMMON STOCK	3,000	$ 0	12,000	D	
MTH COMMON STOCK [(2)]	$ 42.82	01/29/2007		A		3,000		01/29/2012	01/28/2014	MTH COMMON STOCK	3,000	$ 0	15,000	D	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
WHITE C TIMOTHY 17851 NORTH 85TH STREET SUITE 300 SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85255			EVP, Gen. Counsel, Secretary	

Signatures

/s/ C. Timothy White	01/31/2007
	Date

Explanation of Responses:

*   If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

**   Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

(1)   Balance represents the grant of restricted stock. The restricted stock cliff-vests on the third anniversary from the date of the grant.

(2)   Represents a single option grant.

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