

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20549**

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of  
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**Date of report (Date of earliest event reported) September 12, 2012**

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**MERITAGE HOMES CORPORATION**

**(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)**

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**Maryland**  
**(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)**

**1-9977**  
**(Commission  
File Number)**

**86-0611231**  
**(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)**

**17851 N. 85<sup>th</sup> 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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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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ITEM 7.01 REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE

On September 12, 2012, Meritage Homes Corporation announced in a press release information concerning our net orders for July and August 2012 together with comparative data from the same months in 2011. This press release is being furnished, not filed, under Item 7.01 in this Report on Form 8-K.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press release dated September 12, 2012.

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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: September 12, 2012

MERITAGE HOMES CORPORATION

/s/ LARRY W. SEAY

By: Larry W. Seay

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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**Meritage Homes Reports July and August Orders Up 33% Over Prior Year**

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz., September 12, 2012 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) – Meritage Homes Corporation (NYSE: MTH), a leading U.S. homebuilder, today announced preliminary home orders for July and August 2012.

Meritage received orders for a total of 784 homes in July and August of 2012, net of cancellations, compared to 590 net orders in the same two months of 2011, a 33% increase. July orders of 374 homes in 2012 were up 17% over July 2011, while August orders of 410 homes in 2012 were 52% higher than in August 2011.

**About Meritage Homes Corporation**

Meritage Homes is the ninth-largest public homebuilder in the United States based on homes closed in 2011. Meritage builds a variety of homes across Southern and Western states to appeal to a wide range of buyers, including first-time, move-up, luxury and active adults. As of June 30, 2012, the company had 151 actively selling communities in 15 metropolitan areas, including Northern California, East Bay/Central Valley and Southern California, Houston, Dallas/Ft. Worth, Austin, San Antonio, Phoenix/Scottsdale, Tucson, Las Vegas, Denver, Orlando, Tampa and Raleigh-Durham. In 2012, Meritage also announced its entry into the Charlotte market.

Meritage is an industry leader in innovation and energy efficiency. Meritage was the first national homebuilder to be 100 percent ENERGY STAR® qualified in every home it builds, and far exceeds ENERGY STAR standards in most of its communities. Meritage has designed and built more than 75,000 homes in its 27-year history, and has a reputation for its distinctive style, quality construction, and positive customer experience.

For more information, visit [meritagehomes.com](http://meritagehomes.com).

The Meritage Homes Corporation logo is available at

<http://www.globenewswire.com/newsroom/prs/?pkgid=2624M>

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