

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * HILTON STEVEN J		2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Meritage Homes CORP [MTH]		5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) Chief Executive Officer	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/26/2013		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
17851 N. 85TH STREET, SUITE 300			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		
(Street) SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85255					
(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	04/26/2013		G	V	20,000 (1)	D	\$ 0	1,697,071	I	HELD IN TRUST
MTH Common Stock	04/26/2013		S		50,000	D	\$ 49.31	1,647,071	I	HELD IN TRUST
MTH Common Stock	04/26/2013		M		75,160	A	\$ 42.82	1,722,231	I	HELD IN TRUST
MTH Common Stock	04/26/2013		S		75,160	D	\$ 49.31	1,647,071 (2)	I	HELD IN TRUST
MTH Common Stock								62,500 (3)	D	

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

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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				
MTH Common Shares	\$ 42.82	04/26/2013		M		15,032	01/29/2008	01/29/2014	MTH Common Shares	15,032.00	\$ 0	0	D	
MTH Common Stock	\$ 42.82	04/26/2013		M		15,032	01/29/2009	01/29/2014	MTH Common Shares	15,032.00	\$ 0	0	D	
MTH Common Stock	\$ 42.82	04/26/2013		M		15,032	01/29/2010	01/29/2014	MTH Common Shares	15,032.00	\$ 0	0	D	
MTH Common Stock	\$ 42.82	04/26/2013		M		15,032	01/29/2011	01/29/2014	MTH Common Shares	15,032.00	\$ 0	0	D	
MTH Common Shares	\$ 42.82	04/26/2013		M		15,032	01/29/2012	01/29/2014	MTH Common Stock	15,032.00	\$ 0	0	D	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HILTON STEVEN J 17851 N. 85TH STREET SUITE 300 SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85255			Chief Executive Officer	

Signatures

/s/ Hilla Sferruzza, attorney-in-fact for Steven J. Hilton		04/29/2013
<small>**Signature of Reporting Person</small>		<small>Date</small>

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) Represents charitable stock donations.

(2) Balance reflects all other holdings, including restricted shares that have previously vested.

(3) Balance represents restricted shares not vested but does not include 62,500 shares of restricted stock with vesting contingent upon the achievement of pre-specified performance targets.

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