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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 [*] Sferruzza Hilla | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Meritage Homes CORP [MTH] | | | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner | | | | |
| (Last) (First) 17851 N. 85TH STREET, STE 300 | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/26/2013 | | | | | | X_Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) Chief Accounting Officer | | | |
| (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) | Execution Date, if | (Instr. 8) | ion V | (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or | | of (D) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | Beneficial Ownership | |
| MTH Common Stock | 04/26/2013 | | М | | 2,000 | A | \$ 42.82 | 5,031 | D | | |
| MTH Common Stock | 04/26/2013 | | S | | 2,000 | D | \$ 49.35 | 3,031 (1) | D | | |
| MTH Common Shares | | | | | | | | 15,200 (2) | 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) | Conversion | Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | Code | | of Deri Secu Acq (A) | vative vities uired or oosed O) r. 3, | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | te of Underlying | | Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | | Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect | Beneficial |
| | | | | Code | v | (A) | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | |
| MTH Common Stock | \$ 42.82 | 04/26/2013 | | М | | | 400 | 01/29/2008 | 01/29/2014 | MTH Common Shares | 400.00 | \$ 0 | 0 | D | |
| MTH Common Stock | \$ 42.82 | 04/26/2013 | | М | | | 400 | 01/29/2009 | 01/29/2014 | MTH Common Shares | 400.00 | \$ 0 | 0 | D | |
| MTH Common Stock | \$ 42.82 | 04/26/2013 | | М | | | 400 | 01/29/2010 | 01/29/2014 | MTH Common Shares | 400.00 | \$ 0 | 0 | D | |
| MTH Common Stock | \$ 42.82 | 04/26/2013 | | М | | | 400 | 01/29/2011 | 01/29/2014 | MTH Common Shares | 400.00 | \$ 0 | 0 | D | |
| MTH Common Stock | \$ 42.82 | 04/26/2013 | | М | | | 400 | 01/29/2012 | 01/29/2014 | MTH Common Shares | 400.00 | \$ 0 | 0 | D | |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name /

Relationships

| Address | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
|--|----------|--------------|--------------------------|-------|
| Sferruzza Hilla 17851 N. 85TH STREET STE 300 SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85255 | | | Chief Accounting Officer | |

Signatures

| /s/ Hilla Sferruzza | 04/29/2013 |
|-------------------------------|------------|
| Signature of Reporting Person | 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 reflects all other holdings, including restricted shares that have previously vested.
- (2) Balance represents restricted shares not vested.

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