

INITIAL STATEMENT OF 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)

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* HENRETTA DEBORAH A (Last) (First) (Middle) 8800 E. RAIN TREE DRIVE, SUITE 300 (Street) SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85260 (City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 03/07/2016 | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Meritage Homes CORP [MTH] | |
| | | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) |
| 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 | | | |

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

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| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) MTH Common Shares | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) 0 | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) D | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
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| | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| HENRETTA DEBORAH A 8800 E. RAIN TREE DRIVE SUITE 300 SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85260 | X | | | |

Signatures

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| /s/ Deborah A Henretta | 03/10/2016 |
| **Signature of Reporting Person | Date |

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, See Instruction 6 for procedure.

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SPECIAL POWER OF ATTORNEY

Know all by these presents, that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints each of C. Timothy White, Hilla Sferruzza and Alison Sasser, signing singly, the undersigned's true and law
(1) execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as an officer and/or director of Meritage Homes Corporation (the "Company"), Forms 3, 4 and 5 in accordance with
(2) do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Form 3, 4 or 5, complete and execute any amendment or
(3) take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the best interest of, or legally require
The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary, or proper to be done in
This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4 and 5 with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transact
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 10th day of March, 2016.

/s/ Deborah A. Henretta

Deborah A. Henretta