## FORM 4

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#### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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Name and Address of Reporting Person * OPPEL RAYMOND				2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Meritage Homes CORP [MTH]							nbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) _X_ Director 10% Owner					
(Last) (First) (Middle) 8800 EAST RAINTREE DRIVE, SUITE 300					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/20/2018							Office	r (give title belo	w)	Other (specify b	pelow)	
(Street) SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85260				4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)							/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting PersonForm filed by More than One Reporting Person					
(City) (State) (Zip)				Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acqui							Securities	ired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned					
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)		2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Execu	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 8)			4. Securities Acquir (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		of			ollowing		Beneficial Ownership	
							С	ode	V	Amoun	(A) or (D)	Price	Price			or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)
MTH Common Shares		02/20/2018					A		5,000 (1)	A	\$ 0	15,000	5,000 (2)		D		
MTH Common Stock												65,000	<u>3)</u>		D		
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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/	n 3A. Deemed Execution Da	ate, if	4. Transact	tion )	5. Numl of	ative ities ired r ssed ) . 3, 15)	6. Da and E (Mon	tte Exerc Expiration tth/Day/	risable on Date	7. T Am Und Sec (Ins 4)	Amount or Number of		9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	Owners Form of Derivati Security Direct ( or Indire	Beneficia Ownersh (Instr. 4)

### **Reporting Owners**

	Relationships						
Reporting Owner Name / Address	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
OPPEL RAYMOND 8800 EAST RAINTREE DRIVE SUITE 300 SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85260	X						

#### **Signatures**

/s/ Alison Sasser, attorney-in-fact for Raymond Oppel	02/22/2018
**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) Represents grant of restricted shares. The shares will fully vest on third anniversary of the date of grant.
- (2) Balance represents restricted shares not vested.
- (3) Balance reflects all other holdings, including restricted shares that have previously vested.

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