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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Respons	es)											
1. Name and Address of HILTON STEVEN	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Meritage Homes CORP [MTH]						5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner					
(Last) 17851 NORTH 85	(First) TH STREET		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/18/2010						X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) CEO CEO CEO			
SCOTTSDALE, A	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 2A. Deemed 3. Transaction 4. Securities Acqui Date Execution Date, if Code (A) or Disposed of (Month/Day/Year) any (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		of (D)	Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)Ownership Form:of Be								
			(Month/Day/Year)	Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Ownership (Instr. 4)	
MTH COMMON (2) (3)	STOCK (1)	02/18/2010		А		15,000	А	\$0	1,823,704		HELD IN TRUST	

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

	(<i>e.g.</i> , puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)														
1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction	3A. Deemed	4.		5.		6. Date Exer	cisable	7. Tit	le and	8. Price of	9. Number of	10.	11. Nature
Derivative	Conversion	Date	Execution Date, if	Transactio	on	Numl	ber	and Expirati	on Date	Amo	unt of	Derivative	Derivative	Ownership	of Indirect
Security	or Exercise	(Month/Day/Year)	any	Code		of		(Month/Day	/Year)	Unde	rlying	Security	Securities	Form of	Beneficial
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)		Deriv	ative			Secur	rities	(Instr. 5)	Beneficially	Derivative	Ownership
	Derivative					Secur	ities			(Instr	. 3 and		Owned	Security:	(Instr. 4)
	Security					Acqu	ired			4)			Following	Direct (D)	
						(A) o	r						Reported	or Indirect	
						Dispo	osed						Transaction(s)	(I)	
						of (D)						(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)	
						(Instr									
						4, and	15)								
											Amount				
								Data	Emination		or				
								Date Exercisable	Expiration	Title	Number				
								Exercisable	Date		of				
				Code	V	(A)	(D)				Shares				

Reporting Owners

	Relationships						
Reporting Owner Name / Address	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
HILTON STEVEN J 17851 NORTH 85TH STREET SUITE 300 SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85255	Х		CEO				

Signatures

/s/ Steven J. Hilton	02/22/2010
**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 represents the grant of restricted stock. The restricted stock will fully cliff vest on the third anniversary from the date of grant.
- (2) In addition to this restricted stock grant, Mr. Hilton also received a grant of 22,500 shares of restricted stock on 2/18/2010 that will also cliff vest on the third anniversary of the date of grant; however, vesting is also contingent upon the achievement of performance targets.
- (3) Balance includes all non-vested stock grants but does not include 67,500 shares of restricted stock (inclusive of the 22,500 noted in #2 above), with vesting contingent upon the achievement of pre-specified performance targets.

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