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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Ty	pe Response	s)																
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * SEAY LARRY WAYNE				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) (Middle) 17851 N. 85TH STREET, SUITE 300				3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/09/2011								X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) Executive VP - CFO						
(Street)				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						
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(City)	(State)	(Zip)		Ta	able I	- Non-	Deriv	vative S	Securi	ities A	Acqui	red, Disp	osed of, or I	Beneficially	Owned		
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)			2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)			(Instr. 8)		(A) or Disposed of			of (D) Benefici Reported		ant of Securities ally Owned Following d Transaction(s)		Ownership Form:		Beneficial	
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MTH COMMON STOCK		02/09/2011				A		12,50 (1) (2)	1 /	Α.	\$ 0	103,465 (3)		D				
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	Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		Execution Data					and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)			Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		Derivative Security (Instr. 5)		Own Forn Der Sec Dire or I: (s) (I)	Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect	of Indirect Beneficial Ownershij (Instr. 4)	
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Reporting Owner Name / Address	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
SEAY LARRY WAYNE 17851 N. 85TH STREET SUITE 300 SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85255			Executive VP - CFO					

Signatures

/s/ Larry W. Seay	02/11/2011
**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 of the date of grant.
- (2) In addition to this restricted stock grant, Mr. Seay also received a grant of 12,500 shares of restricted stock on 2/9/2011 that cliff vest on the third anniversary of the date of grant; however, vesting is also contingent upon the achievement of pre-specified performance targets.
- Balance includes all non-vested stock grants but does not include 50,000 shares of restricted stock (inclusive of the 12,500 noted in Footnote 2 above), with vesting contingent upon the achievement of pre-specified performance targets.

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