

WHITE C TIMOTHY
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FORM 4

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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 *
WHITE C TIMOTHY

(Last) (First) (Middle)
17851 N. 85TH STREET, SUITE 300
(Street)

SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85255

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
Meritage Homes CORP [MTH]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
02/13/2013

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
EVP - Gen. Counsel, Secretary

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| | | | Code | V | Amount or Price | | |
| MTH Common Stock | 02/13/2013 | | M | | 10,000 A \$ 15.98 | 36,264 | D |
| MTH Common Stock | 02/13/2013 | | S | | 10,000 D \$ 42.5 | 26,264 | D |
| MTH Common Stock | 02/13/2013 | | S | | 13,500 D \$ 42.55 | 12,764 ⁽¹⁾ | D |
| MTH Common | 02/13/2013 | | A | | 12,500 A \$ 0 | 47,500 ⁽⁴⁾ | D |
| | | | | | ⁽²⁾ ⁽³⁾ | | |

Shares

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) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| MTH Common Stock | \$ 15.98 | 02/13/2013 | | M | 10,000 | 12/11/2012 12/11/2014 | MTH Common Shares | 10,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| WHITE C TIMOTHY 17851 N. 85TH STREET SUITE 300 SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85255 | | | EVP - Gen. Counsel, Secretary | |

Signatures

/s/ Hilla Sferruzza, attorney-in-fact for C. Timothy White
02/15/2013

__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) Represents grant of restricted shares. The shares will fully vest on the third anniversary of the date of grant.
- (3) In addition to this grant of restricted stock, Mr. White also received an additional grant of 12,500 shares of restricted stock on February 13, 2013 that fully vest on the third anniversary of the date of grant; however, vesting is also contingent upon the achievement of

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pre-specified performance targets.

- (4) Balance represents restricted shares not vested but does not include 52,500 shares of restricted stock with vesting contingent upon the achievement of pre-specified performance targets.

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