

HILTON STEVEN J  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**HILTON STEVEN J**

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**02/09/2011**

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
**Chief Executive Officer**

(Street)  
**SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85255**

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
MTH COMMON STOCK	02/09/2011		A	18,750 (1) (2)	A \$ 0 1,842,454 (3)	I	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 (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

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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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Reporting Transaction (Instr. 6)
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**Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HILTON STEVEN J 17851 N. 85TH STREET SUITE 300 SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85255			Chief Executive Officer	

**Signatures**

/s/ Steven J. Hilton                      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 from the date of grant.
- (2) In addition to this restricted stock grant, Mr. Hilton also received a grant of 18,750 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.
- (3) Balance includes all non-vested stock grants but does not include 75,000 shares of restricted stock (inclusive of the 18,750 noted in Footnote 2 above, with vesting contingent upon the achievement of pre-specified performance targets).

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