Meritage Homes CORP Form 8-K December 17, 2008

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported) December 15, 2008

MERITAGE HOMES CORPORATION

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Maryland (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) 1-9977 (Commission File Number) **86-0611231** (IRS Employer Identification No.)

17851 N. 85th Street, Suite 300, Scottsdale, Arizona (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

85255 (Zip Code)

(480) 515-8100

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

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(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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ITEM 5.02 DEPARTURE OF DIRECTORS OR CERTAIN OFFICERS; ELECTION OF DIRECTORS; APPOINTMENT OF CERTAIN OFFICERS: COMPENSATORY ARRANGEMENTS OF CERTAIN OFFICERS

On December 15, 2008, it was announced that effective immediately Steven M. Davis, the Company s Executive Vice President of National Homebuilding Operations, was appointed Chief Operating Officer.

Mr. Davis will receive no additional compensation or benefits in connection with this appointment.

Mr. Davis has been Executive Vice President of National Homebuilding Operations of Meritage Homes Corporation since October 2006. From 2000 to September 2006, Mr. Davis was employed by KBHome as a Regional General Manager, with various other management roles at KB Home from 1995 to 2000.

A copy of the press release announcing this appointment is attached as Exhibit 99.1.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

- (d) Exhibits
- 99.1 Press Release dated December 17, 2008

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Dated: December 17, 2008

MERITAGE HOMES CORPORATION

/s/ Larry W. Seay By: Larry W. Seay

Executive Vice President and Chief

Financial Officer