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FORM 4

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * DAVIS STEVEN M			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Meritage Homes CORP [MTH]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)			
17851 N. 85TH STREET, SUITE 300		SUITE	(Month/Day/Year) 02/13/2013	Director 10% OwnerX Officer (give title Other (specify below) Exec VP - COO			
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
SCOTTSDALI	E, AZ 8525	5	Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

(City)	(State)	Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative S	ecurit	ies Acq	quired, Disposed o	of, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(1110111 1)	(11011)
MTH Common Shares	02/13/2013		A	12,500 (1) (2)	A	\$0	47,500 (3)	D	
MTH Common Stock							25,436 (4)	D	

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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				Code v	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Officer Director 10% Owner Other

DAVIS STEVEN M 17851 N. 85TH STREET **SUITE 300** SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85255

Exec VP - COO

Signatures

/s/ Steven M. 02/14/2013 **Davis**

Date **Signature of Reporting Person

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) Represents grant of restricted shares. The shares will fully vest on the third anniversary of the date of grant.
 - In addition to this grant of restricted stock, Mr. Davis also received a grant of 12,500 shares of restricted stock on 2/13/2013 that fully
- (2) vest on the third anniversary of the date of grant; however, vesting is also contingent upon the achievement of pre-specified performance
- 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.
- (4) Balance reflects all other holdings, including restricted shares that have previously vested.

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