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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading DAVIS STEVEN M Issuer Symbol Meritage Homes CORP [MTH] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title _ Other (specify 8800 EAST RAINTREE 02/10/2015 below) DRIVE, SUITE 300 Exec VP - COO (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85260

| 5001152 | 7 ILL, 7 IL 00 200 | | Person | | | | | | |
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| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | Table I - Non | -Derivative Securities Acq | uired, Disposed o | f, or Be | eneficially Owned | | |
| 1.Title of | 2. Transaction Dat | e 2A. Deemed | 3. | 4. Securities Acquired | 5. Amount of | 6. | 7. Nature | | |

| 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 on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported | 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 | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
| MTH Common Shares | 02/10/2015 | | A | 12,500 (1) | A | \$ 0 | 54,937 | D | |
| MTH Common Shares | 02/11/2015 | | S | 11,138 (2) | D | \$ 39.67 | 43,799 (3) | D | |
| MTH Common Stock | 02/11/2015 | | A | 12,419 (4) | A | \$ 0 | 35,884 <u>(5)</u> | 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)

| 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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number on Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and | Securities |
|---|---|---|---|---------------------------------------|--|--|--------------------|---|--|
| | Security | | | | (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | | | | |
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Performance Rights | \$ 0 | 02/11/2015 | | A | 7,452 | <u>(6)</u> | 02/11/2018 | MTH Common Shares | 7,452 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

DAVIS STEVEN M 8800 EAST RAINTREE DRIVE SUITE 300 SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85260

Exec VP - COO

Signatures

/s/ Steven M. 02/12/2015 Davis

**Signature of Date
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 vesting of restricted stock upon achievement of pre-specified performance targets
- (2) Represents sale of shares to cover required tax withholdings under a 10b5-1 plan.
- (3) Balance reflects all other holdings, including restricted shares that have previously vested.
- (4) Represents grant of restricted share units. The shares will fully vest on the third anniversary of the date of grant.

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- (5) Balance represents restricted shares and restricted share units not vested.
 - Each performance award represents a contingent right to receive one share of MTH common stock. The performance awards vest upon MTH's common stock achieving a three-year total shareholder return relative to the Company's peer group, as determined by the
- (6) Company and its compensation committee. The number of derivative securities and underlying securities is based on the maximum amount of shares that may be earned under the performance awards. The actual performance awards issued may range from 0 shares to the maximum noted above.

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