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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) April 29, 2005

MERITAGE HOMES CORPORATION (Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Maryland 1-9977 86-0611231

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

8501 E. Princess Drive, Suite 290, Scottsdale, Arizona

85255

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

(480) 609-3330

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

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

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Item 1.01. Entry Into a Material Definitive Agreement

On April 29, 2005, Meritage Homes Corporation (the Company) completed the Sixth Amendment (the Sixth Amendment) to its \$400 million unsecured revolving credit facility, dated as of December 12, 2002 among the Company, Guaranty Bank, as Administrative Agent and Swing Line Lender, JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as Syndication Agent, Bank of America, N.A., as Documentation and the other lenders party thereto (as amended, the Credit Agreement). The Sixth Amendment lowers the interest rate pricing matrix, depending on the Company s leverage ratio, extends the scheduled maturity date by two years to May 3, 2009, increases the amount of the facility increase that the Company may request from \$50 million to \$200 million and modifies certain covenants and definitions in the Credit Agreement.

This description of the Sixth Amendment is not complete and is qualified in its entirety by the full text of such document, which is filed as Exhibit 10.1 hereto and incorporated by reference herein.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

- (c) Exhibits
- 10.1 Sixth Amendment to Credit Agreement, dated April 29, 2005

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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: May 2, 2005

MERITAGE HOMES CORPORATION

/s/ Larry W. Seay By: Larry W. Seay Chief Financial Officer, Vice President and Secretary