HADDOCK GERALD W

Form 4

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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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 HADDOCK GERALD W Issuer Symbol Meritage Homes CORP [MTH] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) X_ Director 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title 17851 NORTH 85TH STREET, 02/11/2009 below) **SUITE 300** 4. If Amendment, Date Original (Street) 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 85255 (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

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1.Title of	2. Transaction Date	2A. Deemed	3.	4. Securit	ies Acq	uired	5. Amount of	6. Ownership	7. Nature of		
Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transaction(A) or Disposed of			Securities	Form: Direct	Indirect			
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	(D)			Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial		
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		Owned	Indirect (I)	Ownership			
							Following	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)		
					()		Reported				
					(A)		Transaction(s)				
			C 1 W		or	ъ.	(Instr. 3 and 4)				
			Code V	Amount	(D)	Price					
MTH											
Common	02/11/2009		A	14,000	A	\$0	30,000	D			
Stock (1)											
Common Stock (1)	02/11/2009		A	14,000	A	\$0	30,000	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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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)			ate	7. Title Amoun Under	int of lying ities	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene
	Derivative Security				Securities Acquired			(Instr.	3 and 4)		Owne Follo
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					of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)						(Instr
					4, and 3)				Amount		
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	or Number of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

HADDOCK GERALD W 17851 NORTH 85TH STREET, SUITE 300 X SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85255

Signatures

/s/ Gerald W. 02/13/2009 Haddock

**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) Balance represents the grant of restricted stock. The restricted stock will vest 2,000 shares on February 11, 2010 and 6,000 shares each on February 11, 2011 and February 11, 2012.

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