

HILTON STEVEN J  
Form 4  
October 31, 2007

**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
HILTON STEVEN J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
Meritage Homes CORP [MTH]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
17851 NORTH 85TH STREET, SUITE 300  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
10/29/2007

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
CEO

SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85255

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

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 (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Code V Amount (D) Price		

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	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
MTH COMMON STOCK	\$ 58.62	10/29/2007	D	10,000					03/23/2006	03/22/2012	MTH COMMON STOCK	10,000
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MTH COMMON STOCK	\$ 58.62	10/29/2007	D	10,000					03/23/2008	03/22/2012	MTH COMMON STOCK	10,000
MTH COMMON STOCK	\$ 58.62	10/29/2007	D	10,000					03/23/2009	03/22/2012	MTH COMMON STOCK	10,000
MTH COMMON STOCK	\$ 58.62	10/29/2007	D	10,000					03/23/2010	03/22/2012	MTH COMMON STOCK	10,000
MTH COMMON STOCK	\$ 54.01	10/29/2007	D	10,000					06/02/2007	06/01/2013	MTH COMMON STOCK	10,000
MTH COMMON STOCK	\$ 54.01	10/29/2007	D	10,000					06/02/2008	06/01/2013	MTH COMMON STOCK	10,000
MTH COMMON STOCK	\$ 54.01	10/29/2007	D	10,000					06/02/2009	06/01/2013	MTH COMMON STOCK	10,000
MTH COMMON STOCK	\$ 54.01	10/29/2007	D	10,000					06/02/2010	06/01/2013	MTH COMMON STOCK	10,000
MTH COMMON STOCK	\$ 54.01	10/29/2007	D	10,000					06/02/2011	06/01/2013	MTH COMMON STOCK	10,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other

HILTON STEVEN J  
17851 NORTH 85TH STREET  
SUITE 300  
SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85255

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CEO

## Signatures

/s/ Steven J.  
Hilton

10/30/2007

\_\_Signature of  
Reporting Person

Date

## 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) On October 29, 2007, the issuer cancelled, pursuant to the issuer's option repurchase program, options granted to the reporting person. In exchange for the option, the reporting person received \$1.50 for each share underlying the options.

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