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1(b).

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * DAVIS STEVEN M

(First)

17851 N. 85TH STREET, SUITE

(Middle)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Meritage Homes CORP [MTH]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

02/16/2012

(Month/Day/Year)

Director X_ Officer (give title below)

Issuer

10% Owner Other (specify

Exec VP - COO

(Check all applicable)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Street)

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

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

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Person

SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85255

(City)	(State) (Zi	p) Table I	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. Transa Code (Instr.	8)	4. Securi nAcquired Disposed (Instr. 3,	l (A) o l of (D))	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
MTH COMMON STOCK	02/16/2012		G	V	2,972 (1)	D	\$0	29,140 (2)	D		
MTH COMMON STOCK								35,000 (3)	D		

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Title	e and	8. Price of	9. Nu
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				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Officer Other Director 10% Owner

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

Exec VP - COO

Signatures

/s/ Hilla Sferruza, attorney-in-fact for Steven M. **Davis**

02/17/2012

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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- 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 chariatable stock donations.
- (2) Balance reflects all other holdings, including restricted shares that have previously vested.
- Balance represents restricted stock shares not vested but does not include 40,000 shares of restricted stock with vesting contingent upon the achievement of pre-specified performance targets.

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