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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 Officer (give title Other (specify 17851 NORTH 85TH STREET, 01/29/2007 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 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 7. Nature of 3. 6. Transaction(A) or Disposed of Ownership Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Securities Indirect (Instr. 3) Code Beneficially Form: Direct Beneficial (D) (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Owned (D) or Ownership Following Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) Reported (Instr. 4) (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price **MTH COMMON** 01/29/2007 Α 12,000 Α \$0 16,000 D STOCK (1)

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 Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number proof Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amou or Numb of Shares
MTH COMMON STOCK (2)	\$ 42.82	01/29/2007		A	2,000	01/29/2008	01/28/2014	MTH COMMON STOCK	2,00
MTH COMMON STOCK (2)	\$ 42.82	01/29/2007		A	2,000	01/29/2009	01/28/2014	MTH COMMON STOCK	2,00

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
. 6	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
HADDOCK GERALD W 17851 NORTH 85TH STREET, SUITE 300 SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85255	X					

Signatures

/s/ Gerald W. 01/31/2007 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 vests in equal increments over the three-year period beginning on the anniversary of the date of the grant.
- (2) Represents a single option grant.

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