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(Print or Type Responses)							
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person HILTON STEVEN J	2. Issuer Name and Symbol Meritage Homes	d Ticker or Trading CORP [MTH]	5. Relationship of R Issuer	Reporting Perso all applicable)	n(s) to		
(Last) (First) (Middle) 17851 NORTH 85TH STREET, SUITE 300	3. Date of Earliest T (Month/Day/Year) 04/30/2009	ransaction	X Director	_X_ Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify			
(Street)       4. If Amendment, Date Original       6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(         Filed(Month/Day/Year)       Applicable Line)         SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85255					son		
(City) (State) (Zip) <b>Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned</b>							
(Instr. 3) any	ution Date, if Transact Code hth/Day/Year) (Instr. 8)	(A) or	Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
MTH COMMON 04/30/2009 STOCK (1)	M		Price (11911 9 and 1) 19.295 1,981,494	Ι	HELD IN TRUST		
MTH COMMON 04/30/2009 STOCK (1)	S	75,290 D <sup>\$</sup> <sub>21</sub>	.5529 1,906,204	I	HELD IN TRUST		

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 (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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	orDer Sec Acc or I (D)	curities quired (A) Disposed of str. 3, 4,	6. Date Exercis Expiration Dat (Month/Day/Y	e	7. Title and Am Underlying Sec (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo or Nun of SI
MTH COMMON STOCK	\$ 19.295	04/30/2009		М		16,000	06/12/2003	06/12/2009	MTH COMMON STOCK	16,
MTH COMMON STOCK	\$ 19.295	04/30/2009		М		16,000	06/12/2004	06/12/2009	MTH COMMON STOCK	16,
MTH COMMON STOCK	\$ 19.295	04/30/2009		М		16,000	06/12/2005	06/12/2009	MTH COMMON STOCK	16,
MTH COMMON STOCK	\$ 19.295	04/30/2009		М		16,000	06/12/2006	06/12/2009	MTH COMMON STOCK	16,
MTH COMMON STOCK	\$ 19.295	04/30/2009		М		11,290	09/12/2006	06/12/2009	MTH COMMON STOCK	11,

## **Reporting Owners**

	Relationships				
Reporting Owner Name / Address	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
HILTON STEVEN J 17851 NORTH 85TH STREET SUITE 300 SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85255	X		CEO		
Signatures					

/s/ Steven J. Hilton	05/01/2009
<u>**</u> 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) Balance includes all non-vested stock grants but does not include 67,500 shares of restricted stock with vesting contingent upon the achievement of pre-specified performance targets.

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