Meritage Homes CORP Form 4 February 13, 2012

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

See Instruction

Michael R. Odell 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 N. 85TH STREET, SUITE 02/10/2012 below) 300

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

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 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Transaction(A) or Disposed of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (D) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial any (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Owned Indirect (I) Ownership Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price **MTH** 18,000 \$0 $18,000^{(2)}$ Common 02/10/2012 A Α D (1) Stock

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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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Michael R. Odell 17851 N. 85TH STREET SUITE 300 SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85255	X			

Signatures

/s/ Hilla Sferruzza, attorney-in-fact for Michael R. Odell 02/13/2012

**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) Represents the grant of restricted stock. The restricted stock will vest ratably over three years on the anniversay date of the grant.
- (2) Balance represents restricted shares not vested.

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