AX PETER L Form 4 February 14, 2013

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * AX PETER L

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Middle)

Meritage Homes CORP [MTH]

(Check all applicable)

(Last)

(First)

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 02/13/2013

X_ Director Officer (give title

10% Owner Other (specify

17851 N. 85TH STREET, SUITE

300

4. If Amendment, Date Original

(Instr. 8)

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

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

below)

SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85255

(City) (State) (Zip) 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A) or

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

(D)

Reported Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4)

MTH

(Instr. 3)

Common 02/13/2013 Shares

Code V Amount 6,000 Α (1)

Price \$0 $24,000^{(2)}$ Α

D

MTH

Common Stock

 $36,000 \frac{(3)}{}$ D

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

(Month/Day/Year)

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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	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transacti	5. orNumber	6. Date Exerc Expiration D		7. Title Amount		8. Price of Derivative	9. Nu Deriv
Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Tear)	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	of (Month/Day/Yea			Underly Securiti (Instr. 3	ying ies	Security (Instr. 5)	Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title N	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
AX PETER L								
17851 N. 85TH STREET	X							
SUITE 300	Λ							
SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85255								

Signatures

/s/ Hilla Sferruzza, attorney-in-fact for Peter 02/14/2013 L. Ax

> **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 grant of restricted shares. The shares will fully vest on the third anniversary of the date of grant.
- (2) Balance represents restricted shares not vested.
- (3) Balance reflects all other holdings, including restricted shares that have previously vested.

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