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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * HILTON STEVEN J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Meritage Homes CORP [MTH]

(First) (Middle) (Last)

(Street)

(State)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

_X__ Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title

8800 EAST RAINTREE

03/04/2016

(Month/Day/Year)

_ Other (specify below) Chief Executive Officer

(Check all applicable)

DRIVE, SUITE 300

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person

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Person

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

below)

SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85260

(City)

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) (Month/Day/Year)

(Zip)

3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of Code (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Securities Form: Direct Indirect Beneficially (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership Owned Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported

(A)

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

MTH Common

03/04/2016

29,078 Α (1)

\$0 75,847 (2)

D

Stock **MTH**

Common Stock

HELD IN $1,579,714 \frac{(3)}{}$ I **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)	Code	5. Number of ionDerivative 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	7 (A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amoun or Numbe of Shar
Performance Rights	\$ 0	03/04/2016		A	13,085		<u>(4)</u>	03/04/2019	MTH Common Shares	13,08

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
. 9	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
HILTON STEVEN J 8800 EAST RAINTREE DRIVE SUITE 300 SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85260	X		Chief Executive Officer				

Signatures

/s/ Steven J.
Hilton

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

Each performance award represents a contingent right to receive one share of MTH common stock. The performance awards vest upon MTH's common stock achieving a three-year total shareholder return relative to a defined peer group. The number of derivative securities and underlying securities reported in the table above is based on the maximum amount of shares that may be earned under the performance awards. The actual performance awards issued may range from 0 shares to the maximum noted above.

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