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October 09, 2002

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

DATE OF REPORT (DATE OF EARLIEST EVENT REPORTED): OCTOBER 7, 2002

MERITAGE CORPORATION  
(EXACT NAME OF REGISTRANT AS SPECIFIED IN CHARTER)

MARYLAND (STATE OR OTHER JURISDICTION OF INCORPORATION)	I-9977 (COMMISSION FILE NUMBER)	86-0611231 (IRS EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NO.)
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6613 NORTH SCOTTSDALE ROAD, SUITE 200, SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA 85250  
(ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES) (ZIP CODE)

(877) 400-7888  
(REGISTRANT'S TELEPHONE NUMBER, INCLUDING AREA CODE)

NOT APPLICABLE  
(FORMER NAME OR FORMER ADDRESS, IF CHANGED SINCE LAST REPORT)

ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS.

References to "we," "our" and "us" in this current report on Form 8-K refer to Meritage Corporation and its consolidated subsidiaries.

On October 7, 2002, we completed the purchase of the homebuilding assets of Perma-Bilt Homes, a builder of quality single-family homes in the Las Vegas, Nevada, metropolitan area. The purchase price is approximately \$46.6 million, comprised of cash payable at closing of \$29.9 million and the repayment of existing debt in the amount of \$16.7 million plus an earn-out. Daniel Schwartz, the President of Perma-Bilt Homes will join Meritage as the President of its Las Vegas division.

A copy of our press release announcing the acquisition of Perma-Bilt Homes, including information concerning forward-looking statements and factors that may affect our future results, is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, PRO FORMA FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND EXHIBITS.

- (a) Not applicable.
- (b) Not applicable.
- (c) Exhibits:

Exhibit No.	Description
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Press Release

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

MERITAGE CORPORATION

Date: October 9, 2002

By: /s/ Vicki L. Biggs

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Vicki L. Biggs  
Chief Accounting Officer and  
Vice President-Corporate Controller