SEAY LARRY WAYNE

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

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obligations

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * SEAY LARRY WAYNE | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Meritage Homes CORP [MTH] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | |
|--|------------|----------|--|--|--|--|
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction | (Check all applicable) | | |
| | | | (Month/Day/Year) | Director 10% Owner | | |
| 17851 N. 85TH STREET, SUITE 300 | | | 04/26/2013 | X Officer (give title Other (specification) Executive VP - CFO | | |
| | (Street) | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check | | |
| SCOTTSDALI | E, AZ 8525 | 5 | Filed(Month/Day/Year) | Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | |

| (City) | (State) | (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|---|--|---|---|--------|-------------|--|---|---|--|
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securit or(A) or Di (Instr. 3, | sposed | of (D) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
|) (TOV) | | | Code V | Amount | ` ′ | Price | Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | (Instr. 4) | | |
| MTH Common Shares | 04/26/2013 | | M | 36,667 | A | \$ 42.82 | 117,455 | D | | |
| MTH Common Shares | 04/26/2013 | | S | 36,667 | D | \$ 48.82 | 80,788 (1) | D | | |
| MTH Common Stock | | | | | | | 37,500 <u>(2)</u> | D | | |

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | Secu Acqu (A) (Disp (D) | or osed of r. 3, 4, | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|---|---|---|---|--|--------------------------------------|---------------------|--|-----------------|---|--|
| | | | | Code V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| MTH Common Stock | \$ 42.82 | 04/26/2013 | | M | | 7,333 | 01/29/2008 | 01/29/2014 | MTH Common Shares | 7,333 |
| MTH Common Stock | \$ 42.82 | 04/26/2013 | | M | | 7,333 | 01/29/2009 | 01/29/2014 | MTH Common Shares | 7,333 |
| MTH Common Stock | \$ 42.82 | 04/26/2013 | | M | | 7,334 | 01/29/2010 | 01/29/2014 | MTH Common Shares | 7,334 |
| MTH Common Stock | \$ 42.82 | 04/26/2013 | | M | | 7,333 | 01/29/2011 | 01/29/2014 | MTH Common Shares | 7,333 |
| MTH Common Stock | \$ 42.82 | 04/26/2013 | | M | | 7,334 | 01/29/2012 | 01/29/2014 | MTH Common Shares | 7,334 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|--------------------|-------|--|--|--|--|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | | |
| SEAY LARRY WAYNE 17851 N. 85TH STREET SUITE 300 SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85255 | | | Executive VP - CFO | | | | | |

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/s/ Larry W. 04/29/2013 Seay

**Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

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- * 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 reflects all other holdings, including restricted shares that have previously vested.
- (2) Balance represents restricted shares not vested but does not include 37,500 shares of restricted stock with vesting contingent upon the achievement of pre-specified performance targets.

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