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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC 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) January 9, 2007

MERITAGE HOMES CORPORATION

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Maryland
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

1-9977 (Commission File Number) **86-0611231** (IRS Employer Identification No.)

17851 N. 85th Street, Suite 300, Scottsdale, Arizona

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

85255 (Zip Code)

(480) 609-3330

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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ITEM 2.02 RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION

On January 9, 2007, we announced in a press release information concerning our preliminary results for the quarterly period ended December 31, 2006, including estimated sales, closings and backlog information and estimated impairments of inventories and write-offs of option deposits. A copy of this press release, including information concerning forward-looking statements and factors that may affect our future results, is attached as Exhibit 99.1. This press release is being furnished, not filed, under Item 2.02 in this Report on Form 8-K.

ITEM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS 9.01

- (d) Exhibits
- 99.1 Press Release dated January 9, 2007

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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 hereunto duly authorized.

Dated: January 9, 2007

MERITAGE HOMES CORPORATION

/s/ Larry W. Seay By: Larry W. Seay

Executive Vice President and Chief

Financial Officer