

SEAY LARRY WAYNE  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(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)  
17851 N. 85TH STREET, SUITE 300  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
02/14/2012

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Executive VP - CFO

SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85255

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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(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. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
MTH COMMON STOCK	02/14/2012		S		5,574 (1) \$ 26.93	D	84,753
MTH COMMON STOCK	02/14/2012		S		23,788 \$ 27.31	D	60,965 (2)
MTH COMMON STOCK							35,000 (3)

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)

Table with 10 columns: 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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8), 5. Number of Derivative 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), 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5), 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 6), 10. Follow-up Report Transactions (Instr. 7). Includes sub-columns for Date Exercisable, Expiration Date, Title, and Amount or Number of Shares.

### Reporting Owners

Table with 2 main columns: Reporting Owner Name / Address and Relationships. Reporting Owner Name / Address: SEAY LARRY WAYNE, 17851 N. 85TH STREET, SUITE 300, SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85255. Relationships: Director, 10% Owner, Officer, Other.

### Signatures

/s/ Larry W. Seay 02/15/2012

\*\*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 sale of shares to cover required tax withholdings under 10b5-1 plan.
(2) Balance reflects all other holdings, including restricted shares that have previously vested.
(3) Balance represents restricted shares not vested but does not include 40,000 shares of restricted stock with vesting contingent upon the achievement of pre-specified performance targets.

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