

Meritage Homes CORP  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**MORGAN RICHARD T**

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 3551 MISTY MEADOW  
 (Street)

DALLAS, TX 75287

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**Meritage Homes CORP [MTH]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
**03/03/2005**

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
**Vice President-Treasurer**

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 \_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
MTH Common Stock	03/03/2005		S		\$ 72.463	D	12,304 <sup>(1)</sup>
MTH Common Stock	03/03/2005		M		\$ 7.215	D	40,704
MTH Common Stock	03/03/2005		S		\$ 72.442	D	32,106

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. 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)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
MTH Common Stock	\$ 7.215	03/03/2005		M	6,800	03/13/2002 03/13/2008	MTH Common Stock 6,800
MTH Common Stock	\$ 7.215	03/03/2005		M	10,800	03/13/2003 03/13/2008	MTH Common Stock 10,800
MTH Common Stock	\$ 7.215	03/03/2005		M	10,800	03/13/2004 03/13/2008	MTH Common Stock 10,800

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MORGAN RICHARD T 3551 MISTY MEADOW DALLAS, TX 75287			Vice President-Treasurer	

## Signatures

/s/ Richard T. Morgan  
03/07/2005

\*\*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) On January 7, 2005, the common stock of Meritage Homes Corporation split 2-for-1, resulting in the reporting person's acquisition of 11,152 additional shares of common stock.

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(2) Number of shares and dollar amounts reflect the Company's 2-for-1 stock split effective January 2005.

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