

Sferruzza Hilla
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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|---|---------|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * | | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | |
| Sferruzza Hilla | | (Month/Day/Year) | Meritage Homes CORP [MTH] | |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 03/03/2010 | |
| 17851 NORTH 85TH STREET, SUITE 300 | | | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) |
| (Street) | | | (Check all applicable) | |
| SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85255 | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Director | <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| | | | (give title below) | (specify below) |
| | | | Chief Accounting Officer | |
| | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) | |
| | | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person | |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | |

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|------------------------------------|--|---|--|
| MTH COMMON STOCK ⁽¹⁾ | 5,000 | 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 Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
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| | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | | Amount or Number of Shares | | or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | |
|------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|----------------------------|----------|----------------------------|---|
| MTH COMMON STOCK | 08/21/2007 | 08/21/2013 | MTH COMMON STOCK | 300 | \$ 40.25 | D | Â |
| MTH COMMON STOCK | 08/21/2008 | 08/21/2013 | MTH COMMON STOCK | 300 | \$ 40.25 | D | Â |
| MTH COMMON STOCK | 08/21/2009 | 08/21/2013 | MTH COMMON STOCK | 300 | \$ 40.25 | D | Â |
| MTH COMMON STOCK | 08/21/2010 | 08/21/2013 | MTH COMMON STOCK | 300 | \$ 40.25 | D | Â |
| MTH COMMON STOCK | 08/21/2011 | 08/21/2013 | MTH COMMON STOCK | 300 | \$ 40.25 | D | Â |
| MTH COMMON STOCK | 01/29/2008 | 01/29/2014 | MTH COMMON STOCK | 400 | \$ 42.82 | D | Â |
| MTH COMMON STOCK | 01/29/2009 | 01/29/2014 | MTH COMMON STOCK | 400 | \$ 42.82 | D | Â |
| MTH COMMON STOCK | 01/29/2010 | 01/29/2014 | MTH COMMON STOCK | 400 | \$ 42.82 | D | Â |
| MTH COMMON STOCK | 01/29/2011 | 01/29/2014 | MTH COMMON STOCK | 400 | \$ 42.82 | D | Â |
| MTH COMMON STOCK | 01/29/2012 | 01/29/2014 | MTH COMMON STOCK | 400 | \$ 42.82 | D | Â |
| MTH COMMON STOCK | 12/11/2009 | 12/11/2014 | MTH COMMON STOCK | 700 | \$ 15.98 | D | Â |
| MTH COMMON STOCK | 12/11/2010 | 12/11/2014 | MTH COMMON STOCK | 700 | \$ 15.98 | D | Â |
| MTH COMMON STOCK | 12/11/2011 | 12/11/2014 | MTH COMMON STOCK | 700 | \$ 15.98 | D | Â |
| MTH COMMON STOCK | 12/11/2012 | 12/11/2014 | MTH COMMON | 700 | \$ 15.98 | D | Â |

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| | | STOCK | | | | | |
|------------------|------------|------------|------------------|-------|-------|---|---|
| MTH COMMON STOCK | 02/05/2010 | 02/05/2016 | MTH COMMON STOCK | 1,500 | \$ 14 | D | Â |
| MTH COMMON STOCK | 02/05/2011 | 02/05/2016 | MTH COMMON STOCK | 1,500 | \$ 14 | D | Â |
| MTH COMMON STOCK | 02/05/2012 | 02/05/2016 | MTH COMMON STOCK | 1,500 | \$ 14 | D | Â |
| MTH COMMON STOCK | 02/05/2013 | 02/05/2016 | MTH COMMON STOCK | 1,500 | \$ 14 | D | Â |
| MTH COMMON STOCK | 02/05/2014 | 02/05/2016 | MTH COMMON STOCK | 1,500 | \$ 14 | D | Â |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|----------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Sferruzza Hilla 17851 NORTH 85TH STREET, SUITE 300 SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85255 | Â | Â | Â Chief Accounting Officer | Â |

Signatures

/s/ Hilla
Sferruzza 03/08/2010

**Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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 includes all unvested restricted stock grants.

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