LANDON JOHN R

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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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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading LANDON JOHN R Issuer Symbol Meritage Homes CORP [MTH] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) _X__ Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title _Other (specify 2745 NORTH DALLAS 01/05/2005 below) below) PARKWAY, SUITE 600 Co-CEO (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting PLANO, TX 75093 Person (City) (State) (Zip)

(City)	(State) (2	Table	I - Non-De	erivative S	ecuriti	ies Acq	juired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of	2. Transaction Date	2A. Deemed	3.	4. Securiti	ies Acq	quired	5. Amount of	6. Ownership	7. Nature of
Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	n(A) or Dis	posed	of	Securities	Form: Direct	Indirect
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	(D)			Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3, 4	and 5)	Owned	Indirect (I)	Ownership
							Following	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)
					(4)		Reported		
					(A)		Transaction(s)		
			C = V	A	or	ъ.	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
A CONTA			Code V	Amount	(D)	Price			
MTH						\$			with
Common	01/05/2005		M	22,400	A	φ 5 5	1,007,568	I	
Stock						5.5			spouse

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)

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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)	5. Number conf Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exerci Expiration Dat (Month/Day/Y	te	7. Title and Underlying (Instr. 3 and	Securities I
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
MTH Common Stock	\$ 5.5	01/05/2005		M	4,480	01/12/2001	01/11/2005	MTH Common Stock	4,480
MTH Common Stock	\$ 5.5	01/05/2005		M	4,480	01/12/2002	01/11/2005	MTH common Stock	4,480
MTH Common Stock	\$ 5.5	01/05/2005		M	4,480	01/12/2003	01/11/2005	MTH Common Stock	4,480
MTH Common Stock	\$ 5.5	01/05/2005		M	4,480	01/12/2004	01/11/2005	MTH Common Stock	4,480
MTH Common Stock	\$ 5.5	01/05/2005		M	4,480	04/12/2004	01/11/2005	MTH Common Stock	4,480

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
. 3	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
LANDON JOHN R 2745 NORTH DALLAS PARKWAY SUITE 600 PLANO, TX 75093	X		Co-CEO		

Signatures

/s/ John R. Landon	01/07/2005			
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date			

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