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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement Meritage Homes CORP [MTH] Michael R. Odell (Month/Day/Year) 12/28/2011 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 17851 N. 85TH (Check all applicable) STREET, Â SUITE 300 (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group 10% Owner _X__ Director Officer _ Other Filing(Check Applicable Line) (give title below) (specify below) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person SCOTTSDALE, AZÂ 85255 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 5) (Instr. 4) Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Â 0 No securities are beneficially owned D Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB control number.

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)	Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
		Title	Security	Direct (D)	

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Date Expiration Amount or or Indirect
Exercisable Date Number of (I)
Shares (Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Michael R. Odell

17851 N. 85TH STREET

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SUITE 300 $\hat{A} \times \hat{A} = \hat{A} \times \hat{A}$

SCOTTSDALE, AZÂ 85255

Signatures

/s/ Michael R.
Odell

**Signature of Reporting Person

O1/05/2012

Date

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