

HADDOCK GERALD W  
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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 \*  
**HADDOCK GERALD W**  
  
 (Last) (First) (Middle)  
**210 W. 6TH STREET, SUITE 1206**  
  
 (Street)  
**FORT WORTH, TX 76102-4833**  
  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
**01/07/2005**

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)

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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Code V Amount (D) Price   |  |  |

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 | 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 | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
|  |                                    |                                      |  |                                |   |  |   |

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| Derivative Security      |          |            | (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) |       | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title            | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--------------------------|----------|------------|---|-------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|----------------------------|
|                          |          |            | Code  | V     |                  |                 |                  |                            |
| MTH Common Stock Options | \$ 55.89 | 01/07/2005 | A   | 2,500 | 01/07/2006       | 01/06/2012      | MTH Common Stock | 2,500                      |
| MTH Common Stock Options | \$ 55.89 | 01/07/2005 | A   | 2,500 | 01/07/2007       | 01/06/2012      | MTH Common Stock | 2,500                      |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| HADDOCK GERALD W<br>210 W. 6TH STREET, SUITE 1206<br>FORT WORTH, TX 76102-4833 |               |           | X       |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Gerald W.  
Haddock

01/11/2005

\_\_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) Option price and number of shares are shown after the effect of the Company's 2-for-1 stock split in the form of a stock dividend that occurred on January 7, 2005.

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