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October 23, 2002

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K/A

CURRENT REPORT  
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

DATE OF REPORT (DATE OF EARLIEST EVENT REPORTED): OCTOBER 7, 2002

MERITAGE CORPORATION  
(EXACT NAME OF REGISTRANT AS SPECIFIED IN CHARTER)

MARYLAND  
(STATE OR OTHER JURISDICTION  
OF INCORPORATION)

I-9977  
(COMMISSION  
FILE NUMBER)

86-0611231  
(IRS EMPLOYER  
IDENTIFICATION NO.)

6613 NORTH SCOTTSDALE ROAD, SUITE 200, SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA 85250  
(ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES) (ZIP CODE)

(877) 400-7888  
(REGISTRANT'S TELEPHONE NUMBER, INCLUDING AREA CODE)

NOT APPLICABLE  
(FORMER NAME OR FORMER ADDRESS, IF CHANGED SINCE LAST REPORT)

Item 5. OTHER EVENTS.

References to "we," "our" and "us" in this Current Report on Form 8-K refer to Meritage Corporation and its consolidated subsidiaries.

FILING OF CERTAIN MATERIALS

On October 9, 2002, we filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission a Current Report on Form 8-K announcing that we completed the purchase of the homebuilding assets of Perma-Bilt Homes, a builder of quality single-family homes in the Las Vegas, Nevada, metropolitan area. This Form 8-K/A amends the Current Report on Form 8-K filed on October 9, 2002 to include the contracts governing our acquisition of the homebuilding assets of Perma-Bilt Homes.

Item 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, PRO FORMA FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND EXHIBITS

- (a) Not applicable.
- (b) Not applicable.
- (c) Exhibits.

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10.1 Master Transaction Agreement (with exhibits), dated October 7, 2002, by and among Meritage Corporation, MTH-Homes Nevada, Inc., Perma-Bilt, A Nevada Corporation and Zenith National Insurance Corp.\*

\* Certain Confidential Information contained in this Exhibit was omitted by means of redacting a portion of the text and replacing it with an asterisk. This Exhibit has been filed separately with the Secretary of the Securities and Exchange Commission without the redaction pursuant to Confidential Treatment Request under Rule 24b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

MERITAGE CORPORATION

/s/ Larry W. Seay

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By: Larry W. Seay, Chief Financial Officer,  
Vice President-Finance

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