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Form S-8 POS  
April 12, 2002

As filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 12, 2002.

Registration No. 33-38230

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

POST-EFFECTIVE AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO  
FORM S-8  
REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER  
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

Meritage Corporation  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Maryland  
(State or Other Jurisdiction of  
Incorporation or Organization)

86-0611231  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

6613 North Scottsdale Road, Suite 200, Scottsdale, Arizona 85250  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

1988 Homeplex Mortgage Investments  
Corporation Stock Option Plan  
(Full Title of the Plan)

Larry W. Seay  
Chief Financial Officer and Vice President-Finance  
Meritage Corporation  
6613 North Scottsdale Road, Suite 200  
Scottsdale, Arizona 85250  
(Name, Address of Agent for Service)

(480) 998-8700  
(Telephone Number, Including Area Code, of Agent for Service)

With copy to:  
Steven D. Pidgeon  
Snell & Wilmer L.L.P.  
One Arizona Center  
400 East Van Buren Street  
Phoenix, Arizona 85004  
(602) 382-6000

This Amendment to Registration Statement shall become effective immediately upon filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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DEREGISTRATION OF UNSOLD SECURITIES

The undersigned Registrant hereby removes and withdraws from registration all of the unsold shares of its Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share,

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previously registered pursuant to this Registration Statement on Form S-8 (Registration No. 33-38230), as all option grants under the plan have been exercised.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this Post-Effective Amendment to the Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Scottsdale, State of Arizona, on April 12, 2002.

MERITAGE CORPORATION

By: /s/ Larry W. Seay

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Larry W. Seay  
Chief Financial Officer and  
Vice President-Finance

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Post-Effective Amendment to the Registration Statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the date indicated.

Signature -----	Title -----	Date ----
/s/ John R. Landon ----- John R. Landon	Co-Chairman, Co-Chief Executive Officer and Director (Principal Executive Officer)	April 12, 2002
/s/ Steven J. Hilton ----- Steven J. Hilton	Co-Chairman, Co-Chief Executive Officer and Director (Principal Executive Officer)	April 12, 2002
/s/ Larry W. Seay ----- Larry W. Seay	Chief Financial Officer and Vice President - Finance (Principal Financial and Principal Accounting Officer)	April 12, 2002