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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported) November 26, 2013

MERITAGE HOMES CORPORATION
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Maryland
(State or Other Jurisdiction

of Incorporation)

17851 N. 85th Street, Suite 300, Scottsdale, Arizona
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)
(480) 515-8100

1-9977
(Commission File

Number)

86-0611231
(IRS Employer

Identification No.)

85255
(Zip Code)

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(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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ITEM 1.01 ENTRY INTO A MATERIAL DEFINITIVE AGREEMENT

Completion of Offering of 7.15% Senior Notes due 2020

On November 26, 2013, Meritage Homes Corporation, a Maryland corporation (the *Company*), completed an offering of \$100,000,000 aggregate principal amount of 7.15% Senior Notes due 2020 (the *2020 Notes*) that are guaranteed (the *Guarantees*, and collectively with the *2020 Notes*, the *Securities*) by certain of the *Company's* subsidiaries (the *Guarantors*). The *Securities* were offered to investors in a private placement in reliance on Rule 144A and Regulation S under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the *Securities Act*). The *Securities* have not been registered under the *Securities Act* or any state securities laws and may not be sold except in a transaction registered under, or exempt from, the registration provisions of the *Securities Act* and applicable state securities laws.

The *2020 Notes* will be treated as a single class under the Indenture with the *Company's* previously issued and currently outstanding \$200,000,000 aggregate principal amount of 7.15% Senior Notes due 2020. Because the *2020 Notes* issued on November 26, 2013 (as described above) will be subject to transfer restrictions upon issuance, the new notes will be identified by different CUSIP numbers than those for the outstanding 7.15% Senior Notes due 2020 and will trade separately from the outstanding notes until the new notes are exchanged for new exchange notes registered under the *Securities Act*. A description of the registration rights agreement pursuant to which the *Company* agreed to register the *2020 Notes* is included below in this Form 8-K.

The *Securities* were issued pursuant to an Indenture dated April 13, 2010, among the *Company*, the *Guarantors* and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as trustee (the *Indenture*). The material terms of the *2020 Notes* and the *Indenture* are described below.

The *2020 Notes* are the general unsecured obligations of the *Company*. The *2020 Notes* will rank senior in right to all future obligations of the *Company* that are, by their terms, expressly subordinated in right of payment to the *2020 Notes* and pari passu in right of payment with all existing and future unsecured obligations of the *Company* that are not so subordinated. The *2020 Notes* bear interest at 7.15% per annum, payable on April 15 and October 15 of each year, commencing on April 15, 2014.

The *Company* may redeem any or all of the *2020 Notes* at any time at a redemption price equal to the greater of (i) 100% of the principal amount of the notes being redeemed, or (ii) the sum of the present values of the remaining scheduled payments on the *2020 Notes* being redeemed, discounted to the date of redemption (on a semiannual basis) at a discount rate equal to the rate payable with respect to comparable treasury securities plus 0.50%.

The terms of the *2020 Indenture*, among other things, generally limit, subject to exceptions, the ability of the *Company* and certain of its subsidiaries to (i) incur secured indebtedness and (ii) enter into certain sale and leaseback transactions.

The *Indenture* provides for customary events of default which include (subject in certain cases to customary grace and cure periods), among others: nonpayment of principal or interest; breach of covenants or other agreements in the *Indenture*; defaults under certain other

indebtedness; and certain events of bankruptcy or insolvency. Generally, if an event of default occurs and is continuing under the Indenture, the Trustee or the holders of at least 25% in aggregate principal amount of the 2020 Notes then outstanding may declare the principal of, premium, of any, and accrued interest on all the 2020 Notes immediately due and payable. In addition, in the event there is both (i) a change in control and (ii) a ratings decline by either Standard & Poor's Ratings Services or Moody's Investors Service, Inc., the Company will be required to commence and consummate an offer to purchase all Notes then outstanding at a price equal to 101% of their principal amount, plus accrued interest (if any) to the date of repurchase.

The foregoing description of the 2020 Notes and the Indenture is only a summary and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the Indenture, including the form of note, which is filed as Exhibit 4.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated by reference herein.

In connection with the sale of the 2020 Notes, the Company and the Guarantors entered into a Registration Rights Agreement dated as of November 26, 2013 (the "Registration Rights Agreement"), with the initial purchasers of the 2020 Notes. Pursuant to the Registration Rights Agreement, the Company will use its reasonable best efforts to register with the Securities and Exchange Commission exchange notes ("Exchange Notes"), which will have substantially identical terms as the 2020 Notes (except that the Exchange Notes will not contain terms with respect to transfer restrictions), so the Company can offer to exchange freely tradable Exchange Notes for the 2020 Notes.

The foregoing description of the Registration Rights Agreement is only a summary and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the Registration Rights Agreement, which is attached to this Current Report on Form 8-K as Exhibit 10.1 and is incorporated by reference herein.

On November 26, 2013, the Company issued a press release announcing the closing of the offering of Notes described above. A copy of this press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1.

ITEM 2.03 CREATION OF A DIRECT FINANCIAL OBLIGATION OR AN OBLIGATION UNDER AN OFF-BALANCE SHEET ARRANGEMENT OF A REGISTRANT

The information contained in Item 1.01 of this Current Report on Form 8-K is incorporated by reference herein.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(d) Exhibits

- 4.1 Indenture for 7.15% Senior Notes due 2020, and Form of Note (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Company's Form 8-K filed on April 14, 2010)
- 10.1 Registration Rights Agreement relating to 7.15% Senior Notes due 2020
- 99.1 Press Release dated November 26, 2013, announcing the closing of the private offering of \$100 million of 7.15% Senior Notes due 2020

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.

Dated: November 26, 2013

MERITAGE HOMES CORPORATION

/s/ LARRY W. SEAY

By: Larry W. Seay
Executive Vice President and Chief
Financial Officer