

MERITAGE CORP  
Form 8-K  
January 09, 2004

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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): January 8, 2004**

**MERITAGE CORPORATION**

**(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)**

**Maryland**

**I-9977**

**86-0611231**

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**(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)**

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**(Commission File  
Number)**

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**(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)**

**8501 E. Princess Drive, Suite 290, Scottsdale, Arizona 85255**

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**(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)**

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**(480) 609-3330**

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**(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)**

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**Not Applicable**

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

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99.1 Press Release dated January 8, 2004.

ITEM 9. REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE AND

ITEM 12. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION

On January 8, 2004, we announced in a press release information concerning our new orders, closings and backlog for the quarterly period ended December 31, 2003. A copy of this press release, including information concerning forward-looking statements and factors that may affect our future results, is attached as Exhibit 99.1. This press release is being furnished, not filed, under Item 12 in this Report on Form 8-K.

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: January 8, 2004

MERITAGE CORPORATION

/s/ Vicki L. Biggs

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By: Vicki L. Biggs  
Vice President-Controller

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<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
99.1	Press Release dated January 8, 2004.