

MERITAGE HOMES REPORTS SECOND QUARTER AND FIRST HALF 2007 RESULTS

SECOND QUARTER SUMMARY RESULTS (CHANGE 2007 VS. 2006):

- -- Net orders for 1,734 homes (-18%) with an average selling price (ASP) of \$289K (-12%) totaling \$501 million (-28%)
- -- Closed 1,858 homes (-32%) with an ASP of \$306K (-8%) for \$568 million home closing revenue (-37%) as demand and prices weakened
- -- Net loss of \$57 million or (2.16) per share, after real estate and goodwill-related impairments reduced net earnings by \$70 million after tax

YEAR TO DATE RESULTS (CHANGE 2007 VS. 2006):

- -- Closed 3,654 homes (-30%) with an ASP of \$313K (-6%) for \$1.1 billion home closing revenue (-35%)
- -- Net loss of \$41 million or (\$1.58) per share after real estate and goodwill-related impairments reduced net earnings by \$81 million after tax
- -- Order backlog of 3,838 homes (-34%) valued at \$1.2 billion (-39%)
- -- Net debt-to-capital ratio at June 30 was 47% in 2007, compared to 42% in 2006
- -- Total lot supply reduced 7% from March 31, 2007 and 29% from its September 2005 peak to 38,925 lots, with 25% owned and 75% optioned

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz., July 26, 2007 (PRIME NEWSWIRE) -- Meritage Homes Corporation (NYSE:MTH) today announced second quarter and year-to-date results for the periods ended June 30, 2007.

Summary Operating Results (Unaudited)
(Dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)

| | Th | | | - | | ns Ended Jur 2006 | - |
|---------------------------------------|--------|---------------------|------------------|----------|-------------|----------------------|------|
| Homes closed (units) Home closing | | 1,858 | 2 , 722 | -32% | 3,654 | 5 , 250 | -30% |
| revenue | \$ | 567 , 748 \$ | 902 , 851 | -37% | \$1,143,863 | \$1,749,225 | -35% |
| Sales orders (units) Sales order | | 1,734 | 2,116 | -18% | 3,807 | 4,706 | -19% |
| value | \$ | 501,466 \$ | 694,360 | -28% | \$1,142,082 | \$1,526,978 | -25% |
| Ending backlog (units) Ending backlog | | | | | 3,838 | 5,849 | -34% |

| value | | | | \$1,198,280 | \$1 | ,959,353 | -39% |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-------|-------------|-----|------------------|------------------|
| Net earnings* (including | | | | | | | |
| write-offs) | (\$56 , 576) | \$ 77 , 055 | -173% | (\$41,460) | \$ | 156 , 791 | -126% |
| Adjusted net earnings* (excluding | | | | | | | |
| write-offs) Diluted EPS (including | \$ 13,495 | \$ 81,560 | -83% | \$ 39,671 | \$ | 161,296 | - 75% |
| write-offs) | (\$2.16) | \$ 2.82 | -177% | (\$1.58) | \$ | 5.68 | -128% |

^{*} See non-GAAP reconciliation between net earnings and adjusted net earnings on "Operating Results" table, page 5.

SECOND QUARTER RESULTS REFLECT DETERIORATION IN MARKET CONDITIONS

Meritage reported a net loss for the second quarter 2007 of \$57 million, or (\$2.16) per share, compared to net earnings of \$77 million, or \$2.82 per diluted share in the second quarter 2006. The results included pre-tax real estate-related and joint venture impairments of \$80 million and goodwill-related impairments of \$28 million in the second quarter 2007. The 2007 real estate-related charges stemmed from reduced market valuations of properties in California (\$45 million), Florida (\$15 million), Nevada (\$12 million) and Arizona (\$8 million). Due to persistent and severe weakness in southwest Florida, all goodwill and other intangible assets relating to a February 2005 acquisition in Ft. Myers/Naples were impaired and written off. These charges, after tax effects, combined to reduce net earnings from homebuilding operations by \$70 million. Excluding these charges, adjusted net earnings for the second quarter 2007 were \$13 million, compared to \$82 million in 2006.

Second quarter home closing revenue was \$568 million in 2007, compared to \$903 million in 2006. This 37% revenue decline reflects an 8% reduction in ASP on 32% fewer home closings. The largest year-over-year declines in closing revenue were experienced in Nevada (-69%), Arizona (-58%) and California (-52%), while quarterly revenue from Texas home closings increased 8% in 2007 over 2006.

Gross margin was 1.7%, or 15.6% before real estate-related impairments in the second quarter 2007, compared to 24.1% and 24.9%, respectively, one year earlier. These adjusted gross margins exclude second quarter real estate-related impairments of \$79 million in 2007 and \$7 million in 2006.

"Weakened demand and increased price incentives have resulted in lower margins on homes sold and more write-offs on remaining inventories," said Steven J. Hilton, chairman and CEO of Meritage. "Based on lower market values, we adjusted our inventory valuations and abandoned certain lot purchase options where previously-negotiated prices won't allow us to generate a reasonable return at today's lower home selling prices."

Softer demand coupled with higher cancellation rates reduced net orders to 1,734 homes with a total value of \$501 million in 2007, compared to 2,116 orders valued at \$694 million in 2006. This 18% decline in net home orders, combined with a 12% lower ASP, resulted in a 28% year-over-year reduction in order value, with the largest declines in Arizona (-37%) and California (-35%). The second quarter 2007 cancellation rate rose to approximately 37% of gross orders, compared to 32% in the second quarter 2006.

YEAR-TO-DATE RESULTS REFLECT SLOWER SECOND QUARTER

Meritage reported a net loss of \$41 million, or (\$1.58) per share, for the first six months of 2007, compared to net earnings of \$157 million, or \$5.68 per diluted share for the first six months of 2006. The 2007 results included pretax real estate-related and joint venture impairments of \$97 million and goodwill-related impairments of \$28 million, which combined to reduce net earnings from homebuilding operations by \$81 million after tax.

Year-to-date home closing revenue for 2007 was \$1.1 billion, generated from 3,654 homes closed at an ASP of approximately \$313,000. First half 2006 home closing revenue was \$1.7 billion, generated from 5,250 homes closed at an ASP of approximately \$333,000. The largest declines were in Nevada (-74%) and California (-56%), while Florida and Arizona closing revenues also decreased 42% and 41%, respectively. Texas closing revenue increased 5% year-to-date 2007 compared to 2006.

Net orders for the first six months declined 19%, with an 8% lower ASP, resulting in total order value 25% less

than the same period a year ago. Average sales per community ran slightly less than 3 per month, compared to 4 per month last year. Slower absorption rates resulted in a 9% increase in communities open for sale as of June 30, 2007 compared to the same date in 2006, as communities have not sold out as quickly as originally projected, and a few communities in the development pipeline have opened and started selling.

CAREFUL BALANCE SHEET MANAGEMENT CONTINUES

Order backlog stood at 3,838 homes valued at \$1.2 billion on June 30, 2007, compared to 5,849 homes valued at \$2.0 billion on June 30, 2006. A 7% year-over-year decline in the ASP of homes in backlog, combined with the 34% lower volume, reduced backlog value by 39% from a year ago. Arizona and Florida represented the largest declines in backlog from the previous year at -60% and -71%, respectively, with Texas backlog 9% lower than a year ago.

"Based on weaker demand today and our expectation of difficult selling conditions persisting for at least the remainder of the year, we reduced our lot supply by 7% this quarter -- and by 29% from its September 2005 peak - abandoning options to purchase another 2,000 lots, which would have cost about \$110 million," said Mr. Hilton. "Since the first quarter 2006, we have terminated options to purchase more than 9,000 lots representing about 20% of our total lots under option, which will avoid over \$690 million of purchases. Our total lot supply today stands at 38,925 -- roughly a four-and-a-half-year supply of lots based on trailing twelve months' deliveries -- with only one year's supply owned. We have \$175 million of deposits controlling \$1.7 billion of land, which represents 75% of our total supply, and we will continually evaluate market conditions going forward before deciding whether or not to exercise these options."

Inventories of unsold homes increased slightly during the quarter, ending at 1,387 spec homes, compared to 1,365 specs at the beginning of the year. Total real estate inventories at June 30, 2007 were \$1.6 billion, compared to \$1.5 billion at year-end 2006, due to the slight increase in specs from cancellations, and closings slowing faster than lot purchases.

Meritage's net debt-to-capital ratio was 47% as of June 30, 2007, compared to 42% at June 30, 2006, reflecting increases in inventory levels, but still within the Company's target range of 40-50%. Total funds available under Meritage's existing bank credit facility stood at \$516 million at June 30, 2007, after considering the facility's borrowing base availability and most restrictive covenants.

SUMMARY AND FUTURE OUTLOOK

"Market conditions have become more challenging in the last few months, as interest rates have increased, mortgage credit has tightened, and buyers continue to wait for signs that we're near the bottom, especially in markets where affordability was a relevant concern," commented Mr. Hilton. "Many believe we're approaching the bottom in terms of housing demand and buyer confidence, and we at Meritage are working to help buyers get more comfortable with their purchase decision. We've increased our sales training and marketing, and improved our customer satisfaction ratings, while reducing costs and future commitments in under-performing markets.

"We expect the remainder of 2007 will be difficult, but take confidence in our sound strategy, strong organization, proven record of success, and solid franchise that includes some of the historically best homebuilding markets in the country. We are emphasizing value, quality and customer satisfaction, and are determined to maintain a strong balance sheet that will allow us to emerge a stronger competitor when the market improves."

CONFERENCE CALL AND WEBCAST

The Company will host a conference call to discuss these results on July 27, 2007, at 8:00 a.m. Pacific Time (11:00 a.m. Eastern Time.) The call will be webcast by Thomson/CCBN and distributed through the Thomson StreetEvents Network, with an accompanying slideshow on the "Investor Relations" page of the Company's web site at http://www.meritagehomes.com. For telephone participants, the dial-in number is 866-831-6247 with a passcode of "Meritage". Participants are encouraged to dial in five minutes before the call begins. A replay of the call will be available after 2:00 p.m. EDT July 27, 2007, through midnight August 6, 2007 on the websites noted above, or by dialing 888-286-8010, and referencing passcode 43585367.

| | | 2007 | 30 | Ended , 2006 | | Six Month June 2007 | e 3 | 30, |
|--|-----|-------------------|----|--------------------|-----|---------------------------|-----|--------------------|
| Operating results | | | | | | | | |
| Home closing revenue Land closing revenue | \$ | 567 , 748 | \$ | 902,851 | | ,143,863 2,254 | | 12,706 |
| Total closing revenue Home closing gross profit | | 568,667 9,588 | | 914,660 | 1, | ,146,117 99,739 | | 433,530 |
| Land closing gross profit | | 171 | | 1,151 | | 360 | | 1,129 |
| Total closing gross profit Commissions and other sales costs General and administrative expenses (a) Other income, net (b) | | 9,759 | | 220,618 | | 100,099 | | 434,659 (100,876) |
| | | (56,366) 5,470 | | | | (83,029) 11,749 | | (94,066) 16,224 |
| Earnings/(loss) before provision for income taxes (Provision)/ benefit for income taxes | | (89,204) | | 125,150 | | (66,586) 25,126 | | |
| Net earnings/ (loss) | (\$ | 56 , 576) | \$ | 77 , 055 | (\$ | 41,460) | \$ | 156,791 |
| Earnings per share Basic: | | | | | | | | |
| Earnings/(loss) per share Weighted average shares | (\$ | 2.16) | | | (\$ | | | 5.85 26,792 |
| outstanding Assuming dilution: | | 26,232 | | 26,609 | | 26,199 | | 26, 192 |
| Earnings/(loss) per share Weighted average shares outstanding Non-GAAP | (\$ | 2.16) | | 2.82 | (\$ | 1.58) 26,199 | | 5.68 27,619 |
| Reconciliations: Total closing | \$ | 9,759 | \$ | 220,618 | \$ | 100,099 | \$ | 434,659 |

| Terminated lot options Impaired projects | | 20 , 162 58 , 700 | | 2,835 4,460 | | 36,119 59,780 | | 2,835 4,460 |
|---|-----------|------------------------------------|----------|------------------|-----------|--------------------|----------|----------------------|
| Adjusted closing gross profit | \$ | 88 , 621 | \$ | 227,913 | \$ | 195 , 998 | \$ | 441,954 |
| Earnings/(loss) before provision for income taxes Add: Real estate-related impairments Terminated lot | (\$ d | 89,204) | \$ | 125,150 | (\$ | 66,586) | \$ | 255,941 |
| options Impaired projects | | 20,162 58,700 | | 2,835 4,460 | | 36,119 59,780 | | 2,835 4,460 |
| Joint venture (JV) impairments Goodwill-related | | 1,120 | | | | 1,120 | | |
| impairments | | 27 , 952 | | | | 27 , 952 | | |
| Adjusted earnings before provision of income taxes Adjusted provision for income taxes | | 18,730 (5,235) | | 132,445 (50,885) | | 58,385 (18,714) | | 263,236 (101,940) |
| Adjusted net earnings | | 13,495 | | 81,560 | | 39 , 671 | | 161,296 |
| (a) General and adr Severance- related | nini | strative | ex | penses in | clu | de the fo | 110 | owing: |
| expenses Goodwill- related impairments | \$ | 987 | Ş | 11,711 | Ş | 2,061 | Ş | 11,711 |
| - | | 27,952 | | | | 27 , 952 | | |
| Total | \$ === | 28,939 | \$ == | 11,711 | \$ ==: | 30,013 ===== | \$ == | 11 , 711 |

(b) Other income includes joint venture impairments of \$1.1 million in the three and six months ended June 30, 2007.

Meritage Homes Corporation and Subsidiaries Non-GAAP Financial Disclosures (Unaudited)

(Dollars in thousands)

| | | | | As of a the F | |
|-----------|-----------|----------|---------------|------------------|-------|
| Three Mon | ths Ended | Six Mont | ths Ended | Quarters | Ended |
| June | 30, | June | e 30 , | June | 30, |
| 2007 | 2006 | 2007 | 2006 | 2007 | 2006 |
| | | | | | |

EBITDA

reconciliation: (a)

Net earnings/

(loss) (\$56,576) \$ 77,055 (\$41,460) \$156,791 \$ 27,103 \$329,021

| Interest amortized to cost of sales Depreciati | (32,628) 10,166 | | (25,126) 18,138 | | | | |
|---|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|--|
| and amortiza- tion | | 5,304 | 9,044 | 10,177 | 22 , 596 | 19,360 | |
| EBITDA Add back: | (\$74 , 263) | \$139 , 972 | (\$39,404) | \$286,397 | \$104,923 | \$599 , 573 | |
| Real estat related impair- | | 7,295 | 97,019 | 7,295 | 167,992 | 7,295 | |
| impair- ments | 27,952 | | 27 , 952 | | 27,952 | | |
| Adjusted EBITDA | \$ 33,671 ====== | \$147 , 267 | \$ 85 , 567 | \$293 , 692 | \$300 , 867 | \$606 , 868 | |
| Interest coverage ratio: (b) Adjusted EBITDA \$300,867 \$606,8 Interest incurred 58,524 \$47,3 Interest coverage ratio 5.1 12 | | | | | | | |
| Debt to Ad Notes paya Adjusted E Debt to Ad | ble and o BITDA | ther borro | wings | | \$903,330 \$300,867 3.0 | | |
| After-tax stockholder returns: (d) Net earnings \$27,103 \$329,0 Average assets \$2,191,276 \$1,927,0 Average equity \$985,490 \$825,3 After-tax return on assets 1.2% 17 After-tax return on equity 2.8% 39 | | | | | | | |
| Net debt-t Notes paya Less: cas | ble and o | ther borro | | | 51,678 | \$721,566 47,465 | |
| Net debt 851,652 67 Stockholders' equity 968,937 93 | | | | | | | |
| Stockholders' equity 968,937 933 Capital 1,820,589 1,607 Net debt-to-capital 46.8% | | | | | | | |

(a) EBITDA and adjusted EBITDA are non-GAAP financial measures, representing net earnings before interest expense amortized to cost of sales, income taxes, depreciation and amortization, with write-offs and impairment charges also excluded from adjusted EBITDA. EBITDA is presented here because it is used by management to analyze and compare Meritage with other homebuilding companies on the basis of operating performance, and by investors and

analysts in the homebuilding industry. EBITDA as presented may not be comparable to similarly titled measures reported by other companies because not all companies calculate EBITDA in an identical manner and, therefore, it is not necessarily an accurate means of comparison between companies. EBITDA is not intended to represent cash flows for the period or funds available for management's discretionary use nor has it been presented as an alternative to operating income or as an indicator of operating performance and it should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for measures of performance prepared in accordance with GAAP. Adjusted EBITDA is presented because it more closely resembles the comparable covenant calculations under our revolving credit facility and senior and senior subordinated note indentures.

- (b) Interest coverage ratio is calculated as the trailing four quarters' EBITDA or adjusted EBITDA divided by the trailing four quarters' interest incurred.
- (c) Debt to adjusted EBITDA ratio is calculated as notes payable and other borrowings divided by the trailing four quarters' EBITDA or adjusted EBITDA.
- (d) Return on assets is defined as net earnings for the trailing four quarters divided by the average of the trailing five quarters' ending total assets. Return on equity is defined as net earnings for the trailing four quarters divided by the average of the trailing five quarters' ending stockholders' equity for the same period.
- (e) Net debt-to-capital is calculated as notes payable and other borrowings less cash and cash equivalents, divided by the sum of notes payable and other borrowings, less cash and cash equivalents, plus stockholders' equity.

Meritage Homes Corporation and Subsidiaries Balance Sheet Data (In thousands)

| | June 30, 2007 | December 31, 2006 |
|------------------------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| | | |
| | (unaudited) | |
| Total assets | \$2,229,595 | \$2,170,525 |
| Real estate | 1,649,286 | 1,535,871 |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 51 , 678 | 56 , 710 |
| Total liabilities | 1,260,658 | 1,163,693 |
| Notes payable and other borrowings | 903,330 | 733 , 276 |
| Stockholders' equity | 968 , 937 | 1,006,832 |

Meritage Homes Corporation and Subsidiaries Operating Data (Unaudited) (Dollars in Thousands)

| For | the | Three | Months | Ended | June | 30, |
|-----|-----|-------|--------|-------|------|-----|
| | 200 | 7 | | 2 | 2006 | |

| | _ | | _ |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Homes | Value | Homes | Value |
| | | | |

Homes Closed:

| California Nevada | 208 58 | \$ 99,256 21,649 | 361 172 | \$208,111 69,106 |
|------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|
| West Region | 266 | 120,905 | 533 | 277,217 |
| Arizona Texas Colorado | 358 1,074 28 | 120,735 273,200 9,810 | 888 1,075 37 | 290,124 252,386 13,638 |
| Central Region | 1,460 | 403,745 | 2,000 | 556,148 |
| Florida | 132 | 43,098 | 189 | 69,486 |
| East Region | 132 | 43,098 | 189 | 69,486 |
| Total | 1,858 | \$567 , 748 | 2,722 ====== | \$902,851 ====== |
| Homes Ordered: | | | | |
| California Nevada | 243 70 | \$104,407 24,769 | 291 82 | \$161,857 33,241 |
| West Region | 313 | 129,176 | 373 | 195,098 |
| Arizona Texas Colorado | 369 908 56 | 104,824 222,270 20,449 | 457 1,170 22 | 165,475 293,439 7,652 |
| Central Region | 1,333 | 347,543 | 1,649 | 466,566 |
| Florida | 88 | 24,747 | 94 | 32,696 |
| East Region | 88 | 24,747 | 94 | 32,696 |
| Total | 1,734 | \$501,466 ====== | 2,116 | \$694,360 ====== |

Meritage Homes Corporation and Subsidiaries Operating Data (Unaudited) (Dollars in Thousands)

As of and For the Six Months Ended June 30, 2007

| | | 2007 | 2000 | | |
|------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|--|
| | Homes | Value | Homes | Value | |
| Homes Closed: | | | | | |
| California Nevada | 402 103 | \$201,391 36,926 | 784 361 | \$454,994 143,262 | |
| West Region | 505 | 238,317 | 1,145 | 598,256 | |
| Arizona Texas Colorado | 856 1,986 61 | 303,024 496,088 23,473 | 1,624 2,027 53 | 515,983 471,470 19,728 | |
| Central Region | 2,903 | 822,585 | 3,704 | 1,007,181 | |

| Florida | 246 | 82 , 961 | 401 | 143,788 |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|
| East Region | 246 | 82 , 961 | 401 | 143,788 |
| Total | 3,654 ==== | | | \$1,749,225 |
| Homes Ordered: | | | | |
| California Nevada | 534 154 | \$244,391 55,635 | 528 211 | \$299,213 82,649 |
| West Region | 688 | 300,026 | 739 | 381,862 |
| Arizona Texas Colorado | 847 2,004 104 | 257,166 500,814 38,969 | 1,190 2,482 64 | 425,285 608,586 24,646 |
| Central Region | 2,955 | 796 , 949 | 3 , 736 | 1,058,517 |
| Florida | 164 | 45 , 107 | 231 | 86 , 599 |
| East Region | 164 | 45,107 | 231 | 86,599 |
| Total | 3,807 ==== | \$1,142,082 ====== | 4,706 ==== | \$1,526,978 ======= |
| Order Backlog: | | | | |
| California Nevada | 358 108 | \$172,816 40,434 | 457 199 | \$265,183 65,787 |
| West Region | 466 | 213,250 | 656 | 330,970 |
| Arizona Texas Colorado | 896 2 , 227 88 | 301,448 586,889 34,279 | 1,993 2,628 43 | 748,004 646,581 16,740 |
| Central Region | 3,211 | 922,616 | | |
| Florida | 161 | 62,414 | 529 | 217,058 |
| East Region | 161 | 62,414 | 529 | 217,058 |
| Total | 3,838 ===== | \$1,198,280 ====== | 5,849 ===== | \$1,959,353 ======= |
| | | | | |

Meritage Homes Corporation and Subsidiaries Operating Data (Unaudited)

| | First Half 2007 | | First Ha | lf 2006 |
|--------------|-----------------|-----|----------|---------|
| | | | | |
| Active | Beg. | End | Beg. | End |
| | | | | |
| Communities: | | | | |
| California | 26 | 29 | 20 | 26 |
| Nevada | 5 | 11 | 6 | 6 |
| | | | | |
| West Region | 31 | 40 | 26 | 32 |

| Arizona Texas Colorado | 42 121 6 | 39 123 7 | 35 108 3 | 40 113 5 |
|------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Central Region | 169 | 170 | 146 | 158 |
| Florida | 13 | 13 | 12 | 14 |
| East Region | 13 | 13 | 12 | 14 |
| Total | 213 | 222 | 184 | 204 |

About Meritage Homes Corporation

Meritage Homes Corporation (NYSE:MTH) is a leader in the homebuilding industry. The Company is ranked by Builder magazine as the 12th largest homebuilder in the U.S. and was selected in 2006 for the fourth consecutive year to Forbes' "Platinum 400 - Best-Managed Big Companies in America." Meritage is included in the S&P SmallCap 600 Index, and ranks #580 on the 2007 FORTUNE 1000 list. Meritage operates in many of the historically dominant homebuilding markets of the southern and western United States, including six of the top 10 single-family housing markets in the country, and reported its 19th consecutive year of record revenue through 2006. For more information about the Company, visit www.meritagehomes.com. Meritage is a member of the Public Home Builders Council of America (www.meritagehomes.com.

The Meritage Homes Corporation logo is available at http://www.primezone.com/newsroom/prs/?pkgid=2624

This press release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such statements include those regarding housing demand, buyer confidence and management's expectation that 2007 will continue to be a difficult year. Such statements are based upon preliminary financial and operating data, the current beliefs and expectations of Company management, and current market conditions, which are subject to significant risks and uncertainties. Actual results may differ from those set forth in the forward-looking statements. The Company makes no commitment, and disclaims any duty, to update any forward-looking statements to reflect future events or changes in these expectations.

Meritage's business is subject to a number of risks and uncertainties, including: fluctuations in demand, competition, sales orders, cancellation rates and home prices in our markets; potential write-downs or write-offs of assets or deposits; interest rates and changes in the availability and pricing of residential mortgages; housing affordability: our success in locating and negotiating potential acquisitions: successful integration of acquired operations with existing operations; our investments in land and development joint ventures; our dependence on key personnel and the availability of satisfactory subcontractors; materials and labor costs; our ability to take certain actions because of restrictions contained in the indentures for our senior and senior subordinated notes and the agreement for our unsecured credit facility: our lack of geographic diversification; the cost and availability of insurance, including the unavailability of insurance for the presence of mold; our potential exposure to natural disasters; the impact of construction defect and home warranty claims; demand for and acceptance of our homes; changes in the availability and pricing of real estate in the markets in which we operate; our ability to acquire additional land or options to acquire additional land on acceptable terms; our exposure to obligations under performance and surety bonds, performance guarantees and letters of credit; general economic slow downs; consumer confidence, which can be impacted by economic and other factors such as terrorism, war, or threats thereof and changes in energy prices or stock markets; inflation in the cost of materials used to construct our homes; our level of indebtedness and our ability to raise additional capital when and if needed; legislative or other initiatives that seek to restrain growth or new housing construction or similar measures and other factors identified in documents filed by us with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including those set forth in our Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2006, and Form 10-Q for the guarter ended March 31, 2007, under the caption "Risk Factors." As a result of these and other factors, the Company's stock and note prices may fluctuate dramatically.

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