

BOND

NO. SU 1119000

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF FORT BEND

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KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

THAT WE, Meritage Homes of Texas, LLC, an Arizona limited liability company whose *(street address/phone)* is 2901 W. Sam Houston Parkway N., Suite #C-250, Houston, Texas 77043, (713) 690-1166, hereinafter called the Principal, and Arch Insurance Company, a Corporation existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Missouri, and authorized to do an indemnifying business in the State of Texas, and whose principal office is located at 300 Plaza Three, Jersey City, New Jersey 07311 (201) 743-4000, whose officer residing in the State of Texas, authorized to accept service in all suits and actions brought within said State is Willis of Texas, Inc., <sup>^</sup>15305 N. Dallas Parkway #1100, Addison, TX 75001 (972) 385-9800, hereinafter called the Surety, and held and firmly bound unto Robert E. Hebert, County Judge of Fort Bend County, Texas or his successors in office, in the full sum of **One Hundred Seventy-Four Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-Four and 80/100** Dollars (\$174,624.80) current, lawful money of the United States of America, to be paid to said Robert E. Hebert, County Judge of Fort Bend County, Texas or his successors in office, to which payment well and truly to be made and done, we, the undersigned, bind ourselves and each of us, our heirs, executors, administrators, successors, assigns, and legal representatives, jointly and severally, by these presents.

WHEREAS, the said Principal is the owner of the following Subdivision(s):  
Red Canyon Park Drive and Wooded Canyon Drive Street Dedication  
located in Fort Bend County, Texas; and,

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court of Fort Bend County, Texas, has promulgated certain rules, regulations and requirements relating to Subdivisions in Fort Bend County, Texas, as more specifically set out in "Fort Bend County Regulations of Subdivisions" as amended; same being made a part hereof for all purposes, as though fully set out herein; wherein it is provided, among other things, that the owner of a Subdivision will construct the roads, streets, bridges and drainage in the right-of-way depicted on the plat thereof, in accordance with the specifications set out therein, and maintain such roads, streets, bridges and drainage in the right-of-way until such time as said roads, streets, bridges and drainage in the right-of-way have been approved by the County Engineer and accepted for maintenance by the Commissioners Court of

Fort Bend County, Texas (or in the case of subdivisions, streets or roads designated as private in the plat approved by the County Engineer and accepted by the Homeowners Association).

It is further stipulated and understood that the approval of the map or plat of the above named Subdivision(s) is conditioned upon and subject to the strict compliance by the Principal herein with the aforesaid specifications, and that the terms of said specifications, including all deletions, additions, changes or modifications of any kind or character, constitute a contract between the County of Fort Bend and Principal; and it is understood by the Principal that the approval of said map or plat of the above Subdivision(s) was obtained only by the undertaking of the Principal to so comply with the said regulations and specifications within a reasonable time, as set by the Commissioners Court of Fort Bend County, Texas, and that without such undertaking such approval would have not been granted.

NOW THE CONDITION OF THIS OBLIGATION IS SUCH, that if the above bounded Principal, his, her, their, or its heirs, executors, administrators, successors, assigns, and legal representatives, and each and every one of them to do in all things well and truly observe, perform, fulfill, keep and comply with all and singular the rules, regulations, requirements and specifications above referred to, including any deletions, additions, changes or modifications of any kind or character, in the construction and maintenance of all roads, streets, bridges and drainage in the right-of-way in the above named Subdivision(s) and that upon approval of the construction of said roads, streets, bridges and drainage in the right-of-way by the County Engineer, and upon the approval of such maintenance by the County Engineer, and upon acceptance of such roads, streets, bridges and drainage in the right-of-way by the Commissioners Court of Fort Bend County, Texas, then this obligation to be void and of no force and effect.

The Principal and Surety hereon each agree, bind and obligate themselves to pay Robert E. Hebert, County Judge of Fort Bend County, State of Texas, or his successors in office, for the use and benefit of Fort Bend County, all loss or damages to it occasioned by reason of the failure of the Principal to comply strictly with each and every provision contained in the rules, regulations, requirements and specifications above referred to relating to the construction and maintenance of roads, streets, bridges and drainage in the right-of-way in the above named Subdivision(s), and further agree, bind and obligate themselves to defend, save and keep harmless the County of Fort Bend from any and all damages, expenses, and claims of every kind and character which the County of Fort Bend may suffer, directly or indirectly, as a result of the Principal's failure to comply with the rules, regulations and specifications relating to the construction and maintenance of the roads, streets, bridges and drainage in the right-of-way in the above named Subdivision(s).

The word Principal when used herein means Principal or Principals whether an individual, individuals, partnership, corporation, or other legal entity having the capacity to contract. The words Roads, Streets, Bridges and Drainage in the right-of-way used herein mean each and every road, street, bridge and drainage in the right-of-way in said Subdivision(s). The word Maintenance as used herein means all needful, necessary and proper care and repair from completion of the roads or streets and approval thereof by the County Engineer until acceptance of the roads and streets by the Commissioners Court. The word Surety when used herein means Surety or Sureties, and it is understood by the parties that any and all liabilities of any kind or character assumed or imposed upon the Principal by the terms hereof extends in full force and vigor to each and every Surety jointly and severally.

In the event of suit hereunder, such suit shall be brought in Fort Bend County, Texas.

EXECUTED this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2013

ATTEST:

April Hull  
Secretary APRIL HULL

Meritage Homes of Texas, LLC,  
an Arizona limited liability company  
Principal

By: [Signature]  
DARIN E. ROWE, VP Finance

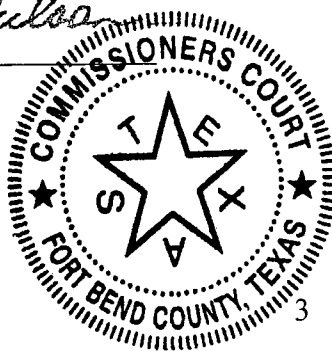
Arch Insurance Company  
Surety

By: [Signature]  
David G. Jensen, ATTORNEY IN FACT

APPROVED this 15 day of January, 2013.

ATTEST:

Dianne Wilson  
Dianne Wilson  
County Clerk



Robert E. Hebert  
Robert E. Hebert  
County Judge  
Fort Bend County, Texas

**THIS POWER OF ATTORNEY IS NOT VALID UNLESS IT IS PRINTED ON BLUE BACKGROUND.**

***This Power of Attorney limits the acts of those named herein, and they have no authority to bind the Company except in the manner and to the extent herein stated. Not valid for Mortgage, Note, Loan, Letter of Credit, Bank Deposit, Currency Rate, Interest Rate or Residential Value Guarantees.***

## **POWER OF ATTORNEY**

Know All Persons By These Presents:

That the Arch Insurance Company, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Missouri, having its principal administrative office in Jersey City, New Jersey (hereinafter referred to as the "Company") does hereby appoint:

Brandy L. Baich, David G. Jensen, Maryann Carafello, Terry Crull and Vicki L. Breunig of Scottsdale, AZ (EACH)

its true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-Fact, to make, execute, seal, and deliver from the date of issuance of this power for and on its behalf as surety, and as its act and deed:

Any and all bonds, undertakings, recognizances and other surety obligations, in the penal sum not exceeding Ninety Million Dollars (\$90,000,000.00).

This authority does not permit the same obligation to be split into two or more bonds in order to bring each such bond within the dollar limit of authority as set forth herein.

The execution of such bonds, undertakings, recognizances and other surety obligations in pursuance of these presents shall be as binding upon the said Company as fully and amply to all intents and purposes, as if the same had been duly executed and acknowledged by its regularly elected officers at its principal administrative office in Jersey City, New Jersey.

This Power of Attorney is executed by authority of resolutions adopted by unanimous consent of the Board of Directors of the Company on September 15, 2011, true and accurate copies of which are hereinafter set forth and are hereby certified to by the undersigned Secretary as being in full force and effect:

"VOTED, That the Chairman of the Board, the President, or the Executive Vice President, or any Senior Vice President, of the Surety Business Division, or their appointees designated in writing and filed with the Secretary, or the Secretary shall have the power and authority to appoint agents and attorneys-in-fact, and to authorize them subject to the limitations set forth in their respective powers of attorney, to execute on behalf of the Company, and attach the seal of the Company thereto, bonds, undertakings, recognizances and other surety obligations obligatory in the nature thereof, and any such officers of the Company may appoint agents for acceptance of process."


This Power of Attorney is signed, sealed and certified by facsimile under and by authority of the following resolution adopted by the unanimous consent of the Board of Directors of the Company on September 15, 2011:

VOTED, That the signature of the Chairman of the Board, the President, or the Executive Vice President, or any Senior Vice President, of the Surety Business Division, or their appointees designated in writing and filed with the Secretary, and the signature of the Secretary, the seal of the Company, and certifications by the Secretary, may be affixed by facsimile on any power of attorney or bond executed pursuant to the resolution adopted by the Board of Directors on September 15, 2011, and any such power so executed, sealed and certified with respect to any bond or undertaking to which it is attached, shall continue to be valid and binding upon the Company.

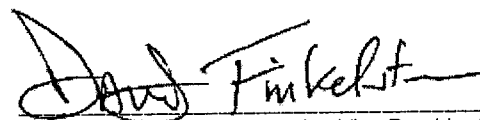
In Testimony Whereof, the Company has caused this instrument to be signed and its corporate seal to be affixed by their authorized officers, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2012.

Attested and Certified

Arch Insurance Company

  
Martin J. Nilsen, Secretary

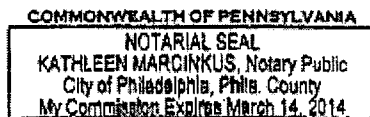


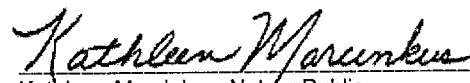
  
David M. Finkelstein, Executive Vice President

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA SS

COUNTY OF PHILADELPHIA SS

I, Kathleen Marcinkus, a Notary Public, do hereby certify that Martin J. Nilsen and David M. Finkelstein personally known to me to be the same persons whose names are respectively as Secretary and Executive Vice President of the Arch Insurance Company, a Corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Missouri, subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person and severally acknowledged that they being thereunto duly authorized signed, sealed with the corporate seal and delivered the said instrument as the free and voluntary act of said corporation and as their own free and voluntary acts for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

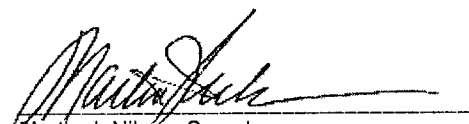


  
Kathleen Marcinkus, Notary Public  
My commission expires 03/14/2014

#### CERTIFICATION

I, Martin J. Nilsen, Secretary of the Arch Insurance Company, do hereby certify that the attached Power of Attorney dated October 8, 2012 on behalf of the person(s) as listed above is a true and correct copy and that the same has been in full force and effect since the date thereof and is in full force and effect on the date of this certificate; and I do further certify that the said David M. Finkelstein, who executed the Power of Attorney as Executive Vice President, was on the date of execution of the attached Power of Attorney the duly elected Executive Vice President of the Arch Insurance Company.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the corporate seal of the Arch Insurance Company on this 3rd day of January, 2013

  
Martin J. Nilsen, Secretary

This Power of Attorney limits the acts of those named therein to the bonds and undertakings specifically named therein and they have no authority to bind the Company except in the manner and to the extent herein stated.

**PLEASE SEND ALL CLAIM INQUIRIES RELATING TO THIS BOND TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:**

Arch Insurance – Surety Division  
3 Parkway, Suite 1500  
Philadelphia, PA 19102



## **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

**TO OBTAIN INFORMATION OR MAKE A COMPLAINT:  
YOU MAY CONTACT THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF  
INSURANCE TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ON COMPANIES,  
COVERAGES RIGHTS OR COMPLAINTS AT:**

**1-800-252-3439**

**YOU MAY WRITE THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE:**

**P. O. BOX 149104  
AUSTIN, TX 78714-9104  
FAX# (512) 475-1771**