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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>HOVNANIAN ARA K</u> | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>HOVNANIAN ENTERPRISES INC [HOV]</u> | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) President and CEO | | |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>12/06/2005</u> | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | |
| <u>10 HIGHWAY 35</u> | | | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | |
| (Street) <u>RED BANK NJ 07701</u> | | | | | | | | |
| (City) (State) (Zip) | | | | | | | | |

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
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| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
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| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | | | | | | Title |
| <u>Phantom Stock Units</u> | <u>(1)</u> | <u>12/06/2005</u> | | <u>A⁽²⁾</u> | | <u>124,922</u> | | <u>(3)</u> | <u>(3)</u> | <u>Class A Common Stock⁽⁴⁾</u> | <u>124,922</u> | <u>(5)</u> | <u>124,922</u> | <u>D</u> | |

Explanation of Responses:

- 1-for-1
- Grant of Deferred Share Award subject to vesting.
- Subject to continued employment through January 15, 2006, payout to be made on January 1, 2009 or upon occurrence of certain other events set forth under the terms of the Deferred Compensation Plan.
- Upon the distribution of the Phantom Stock Units, shares of Class B Common Stock would be distributed. Shares of Class B Common Stock are immediately convertible into an equal number of shares of Class A Common Stock.
- Not applicable

Remarks:

Nancy A. Marrazzo 12/08/2005
** Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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