FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  REINHART PETER S							2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol HOVNANIAN ENTERPRISES INC   HOV							5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director  Officer (give title Other (specify					
(Last) (First) (Middle) 10 HIGHWAY 35						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/18/2005								X Officer (give title Officer (specify below) below)  Sr. VP/General Counsel					
(Street) RED BANK NJ 07701					4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)     X Form filed by One Reporting Person     Form filed by More than One Reporting					
(City)	(State) (Zip)													Person					
		Tab	le I - No	n-Deri\	ative/	Se	curit	ies Ac	quired	, Dis	posed o	of, or Be	neficia	lly Owned	t				
				2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Ye		Execution Date,		Code	Transaction Dispos		ties Acquire I Of (D) (Insi		Securiti Benefic Owned	Beneficially Owned Following		Direct of the condinect	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership		
									Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reporte Transac (Instr. 3	tion(s)			Instr. 4)	
Class A C	01/18	/2005				S		5,000	) D	\$51	. 38	,076	76 D						
Class A Common Stock 01/18/2						2005			S		5,000	) D	\$51.	33,076		D			
Class A Common Stock 01/18/2						2005			M		5,000	D	\$4.34	37 38	,076	D			
Class A Common Stock 01/18/2					/2005	:005		M		2,500	D	\$3.28	12 40,576		I	)			
		7	able II -									, or Ben ble secu		y Owned					
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, T		4. Transactio Code (Instr 8)		on of E		Expiration	i. Date Exercisa Expiration Date Month/Day/Yea			ount of Curities S		9. Number derivative Securities Beneficial Owned Following Reported Transactic (Instr. 4)	illy o	0. wnership orm: irect (D) r Indirect ) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisa	or Numb Date Expiration of		Number							
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$4.3437	01/18/2005			М			5,000	(1)		05/13/2008	Class A Common Stock	5,000	(3)	(3) 2,500		D		
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$3.2812	01/18/2005			М			2,500	(2)		08/27/2010	Class A Common Stock	2,500	(3)	12,500		D		

## Explanation of Responses:

- 1. The option vests in four equal annual installments beginning on May 14, 2001.
- 2. The option vests in four equal annual installments beginning on August 28, 2003.
- 2. The 0

## Remarks:

Nancy A. Marrazzo

01/20/2005

\*\* 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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