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FORM 10-Q

(Mark One)

Quarterly report pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the quarterly period ended January 31, 2025

OR

Transition report pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Commission file number 1-8551

Hovnanian Enterprises, Inc. (Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization)

22-1851059 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

90 Matawan Road, 5th Floor, Matawan, NJ 07747 (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

732-747-7800 (Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

N/A (Former Name, Former Address and Former Fiscal Year, if Changed Since Last Report)

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Trading symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Class A Common Stock, \$0.01 par value per share	HOV	New York Stock Exchange
Preferred Stock Purchase Rights(1)	N/A	New York Stock Exchange
Depository Shares each representing 1/1,000th of a share of 7.625% Series A Preferred Stock	HOVNP	The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC

(1) Each share of Common Stock includes an associated Preferred Stock Purchase Right. Each Preferred Stock Purchase Right initially represents the right, if such Preferred Stock Purchase Right becomes exercisable, to purchase from the Company one ten-thousandth of a share of its Series B Junior Preferred Stock for each share of Common Stock. The Preferred Stock Purchase Rights currently cannot trade separately from the underlying Common Stock.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant: (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically every Interactive Data File required to be submitted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§ 232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit such files). Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, a smaller reporting company, or an emerging growth company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," "smaller reporting company," and "emerging growth company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large Accelerated Filer Accelerated Filer Nonaccelerated Filer Smaller Reporting Company Emerging Growth Company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes No

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date. 5,195,302 shares of Class A Common Stock and 729,349 shares of Class B Common Stock were outstanding as of February 26, 2025.

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HOVNANIAN ENTERPRISES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
(In thousands, except per share data)
(Unaudited)

	January 31, 2025	October 31, 2024
ASSETS		
Homebuilding:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 94,258	\$ 209,976
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	8,449	7,875
Inventories:		
Sold and unsold homes and lots under development	1,143,376	1,195,318
Land and land options held for future development or sale	286,186	238,499
Consolidated inventory not owned	236,928	210,987
Total inventories	1,666,490	1,644,804
Investments in and advances to unconsolidated joint ventures	172,679	142,910
Receivables, deposits and notes, net	74,221	29,400
Property and equipment, net	44,820	43,431
Prepaid expenses and other assets	79,235	82,525
Total homebuilding	2,140,152	2,160,921
Financial services	162,996	203,589
Deferred tax assets, net	230,127	241,064
Total assets	\$ 2,533,275	\$ 2,605,574
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		
Homebuilding:		
Nonrecourse mortgages secured by inventory, net of debt issuance costs	\$ 87,633	\$ 90,675
Accounts payable and other liabilities	360,436	433,273
Customers' deposits	42,551	41,639
Liabilities from inventory not owned, net of debt issuance costs	156,274	140,298
Senior notes and credit facilities (net of discounts, premiums and debt issuance costs)	893,706	896,218
Accrued interest	32,549	14,508
Total homebuilding	1,573,149	1,616,611
Financial services	142,342	183,135
Income taxes payable	6,358	5,479
Total liabilities	1,721,849	1,805,225
Stockholders' equity:		
Preferred stock, \$0.01 par value - authorized 100,000 shares; issued and outstanding 5,600 shares with a liquidation preference of \$140,000 at January 31, 2025 and October 31, 2024	135,299	135,299
Common stock, Class A, \$0.01 par value - authorized 16,000,000 shares; issued 6,416,941 shares at January 31, 2025 and 6,415,794 shares at October 31, 2024	64	64
Common stock, Class B, \$0.01 par value (convertible to Class A at time of sale) - authorized 2,400,000 shares; issued 757,018 shares at January 31, 2025 and 757,023 shares at October 31, 2024	8	8
Paid in capital - common stock	753,357	749,752
Retained earnings	99,658	74,136
Treasury stock - at cost - 1,221,639 shares of Class A common stock at January 31, 2025 and 1,090,179 shares at October 31, 2024; 27,669 shares of Class B common stock at January 31, 2025 and October 31, 2024	(176,960)	(158,910)
Total stockholders' equity	811,426	800,349
Total liabilities and equity	\$ 2,533,275	\$ 2,605,574

See notes to condensed consolidated financial statements (unaudited).

HOVNANIAN ENTERPRISES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS
(In thousands, except per share data)
(Unaudited)

Three Months Ended January 31,
2025 2024

Revenues:		
Homebuilding:		
Sale of homes	\$ 646,914	\$ 573,636
Land sales and other revenues	9,767	5,292
Total homebuilding	656,681	578,928
Financial services	16,942	15,268
Total revenues	673,623	594,196
Expenses:		
Homebuilding:		
Cost of sales, excluding interest	533,290	449,213
Cost of sales interest	19,356	19,898
Inventory impairments and land option write-offs	1,040	302
Total cost of sales	553,686	469,413
Selling, general and administrative	54,253	48,937
Total homebuilding expenses	607,939	518,350
Financial services	13,437	11,471
Corporate general and administrative	32,692	37,133
Other interest	9,517	10,451
Other (income) expense, net (1)	(20,620)	551
Total expenses	642,965	577,956
Gain on extinguishment of debt, net	-	1,371
Income from unconsolidated joint ventures	9,205	14,952
Income before income taxes	39,863	32,563
State and federal income tax provision:		
State	2,049	2,206
Federal	9,623	6,453
Total income taxes	11,672	8,659
Net income	28,191	23,904
Less: preferred stock dividends	2,669	2,669
Net income available to common stockholders	\$ 25,522	\$ 21,235
Per share data:		
Basic:		
Net income per common share	\$ 3.88	\$ 3.11
Weighted-average number of common shares outstanding	6,517	6,496
Assuming dilution:		
Net income per common share	\$ 3.58	\$ 2.91
Weighted-average number of common shares outstanding	7,071	6,937

See notes to condensed consolidated financial statements (unaudited).

(1) Includes gain on contribution of assets to a joint venture of \$22.7 million for the three months ended January 31, 2025 (see note 18).

HOVNANIAN ENTERPRISES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
THREE MONTH PERIOD ENDED JANUARY 31, 2025
(In thousands, except share data)
(Unaudited)

	A Common Stock		B Common Stock		Preferred Stock		Paid-In Capital	Retained Earnings	Treasury Stock	Total
	Shares		Shares		Shares					
	Issued and Outstanding	Amount	Issued and Outstanding	Amount	Issued and Outstanding	Amount				
Balance, October 31, 2024	5,325,615	\$ 64	729,354	\$ 8	5,600	\$ 135,299	\$ 749,752	\$ 74,136	\$ (158,910)	\$ 800,349
Stock options, amortization and issuances	476									-
Preferred dividend declared (\$476.56 per share)								(2,669)		(2,669)
Restricted stock amortization, issuances and forfeitures	666						3,605			3,605
Conversion of Class B to Class A common stock	5		(5)							-
Share repurchases	(131,460)								(18,050)	(18,050)
Net income								28,191		28,191
Balance, January 31, 2025	5,195,302	\$ 64	729,349	\$ 8	5,600	\$ 135,299	\$ 753,357	\$ 99,658	\$ (176,960)	\$ 811,426

See notes to condensed consolidated financial statements (unaudited).

HOVNANIAN ENTERPRISES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
THREE MONTH PERIOD ENDED JANUARY 31, 2024
(In thousands, except share data)
(Unaudited)

	A Common Stock		B Common Stock		Preferred Stock		Paid-In Capital	Accumulated Deficit	Treasury Stock	Noncontrolling Interest	Total
	Shares Issued and Outstanding	Amount	Shares Issued and Outstanding	Amount	Shares Issued and Outstanding	Amount					
Balance, October 31, 2023	5,345,929	\$ 62	749,081	\$ 8	5,600	\$ 135,299	\$ 735,946	\$ (157,197)	\$ (132,382)	\$ 53	\$ 581,789
Stock options, amortization and issuances	615						46				46
Preferred dividend declared (\$476.56 per share)								(2,669)			(2,669)
Restricted stock amortization, issuances and forfeitures							4,071				4,071
Conversion of Class B to Class A common stock	16		(16)								-
Changes in noncontrolling interest in consolidated joint ventures										(53)	(53)
Net income								23,904			23,904
Balance, January 31, 2024	5,346,560	\$ 62	749,065	\$ 8	5,600	\$ 135,299	\$ 740,063	\$ (135,962)	\$ (132,382)	\$ -	\$ 607,088

See notes to condensed consolidated financial statements (unaudited).

HOVNANIAN ENTERPRISES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
(In thousands)
(Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended January 31,	
	2025	2024
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net income	\$ 28,191	\$ 23,904
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash used in operating activities:		
Depreciation	2,298	1,598
Stock-based compensation	3,649	4,073
Amortization of debt discounts, premiums and deferred financing costs	(772)	214
Gain on sale of property and assets	(778)	(41)
Gain on assets contributed to joint venture	(22,683)	-
Income from unconsolidated joint ventures	(9,205)	(14,952)
Distributions of earnings from unconsolidated joint ventures	1,700	1,010
Gain on extinguishment of debt	-	(1,371)
Inventory impairments and land option write-offs	1,040	302
(Increase) decrease in assets:		
Inventories	(43)	(114,674)
Receivables, deposits and notes	(41,934)	4,694
Origination of mortgage loans	(379,898)	(306,156)
Sale of mortgage loans	412,670	337,346
Deferred tax assets	10,937	7,501
(Decrease) increase in liabilities:		
Accounts payable, accrued interest and other liabilities	(62,842)	(33,553)
Customers' deposits	912	379
State income tax payable	879	722
Net cash used in operating activities	(55,879)	(89,004)
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Proceeds from sale of property and assets	882	43
Purchase of property, equipment, and other fixed assets	(3,685)	(5,442)
Investment in and advances to unconsolidated joint ventures, net of reimbursements	(26,088)	-
Distributions of capital from unconsolidated joint ventures	3,825	1,278
Net cash used in investing activities	(25,066)	(4,121)
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Proceeds from mortgages and notes	58,171	78,867
Payments related to mortgages and notes	(61,587)	(71,257)
Proceeds from model sale leaseback financing programs	18,492	-
Payments related to model sale leaseback financing programs	(2,785)	(5,907)
Proceeds from land bank financing programs	14,896	18,407
Payments related to land bank financing programs	(14,103)	(22,296)
Net payments related to mortgage warehouse lines of credit	(32,789)	(27,004)
Payments related to senior notes, senior secured notes and senior unsecured term loan	-	(113,502)
Preferred dividends paid	(2,669)	(2,669)
Treasury stock purchases	(18,050)	-
Deferred financing costs from land banking financing programs and note issuances	(1,151)	(910)
Net cash used in financing activities	(41,575)	(146,271)
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents, and restricted cash and cash equivalents	(122,520)	(239,396)
Cash and cash equivalents, and restricted cash and cash equivalents balance, beginning of period	266,761	477,519
Cash and cash equivalents, and restricted cash and cash equivalents balance, end of period	\$ 144,241	\$ 238,123
Reconciliation of Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash		
Homebuilding: Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 94,258	\$ 183,118
Homebuilding: Restricted cash and cash equivalents	8,449	8,369
Financial Services: Cash and cash equivalents, included in financial services assets	4,529	4,522
Financial Services: Restricted cash and cash equivalents, included in financial services assets	37,005	42,114
Total cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash shown in the statements of cash flows	\$ 144,241	\$ 238,123

HOVNANIAN ENTERPRISES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - UNAUDITED

1. Basis of Presentation

Hovnanian Enterprises, Inc. ("HEI") conducts all of its homebuilding and financial services operations through its subsidiaries (references herein to the "Company," "we," "us" or "our" refer to HEI and its consolidated subsidiaries and should be understood to reflect the consolidated business of HEI's subsidiaries).

The accompanying unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements include HEI's accounts and those of all of its consolidated subsidiaries after elimination of all intercompany balances and transactions. Noncontrolling interest represents the proportionate equity interest in a consolidated joint venture that is not 100% owned by the Company directly or indirectly, which we sold our membership interest in during the first quarter of fiscal 2024.

The accompanying unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("U.S. GAAP") for interim financial information and with the instructions to Form 10-Q and Article 10 of Regulation S-X, and accordingly, they do not include all of the information and footnotes required by U.S. GAAP for complete financial statements. These Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements should be read in conjunction with the Consolidated Financial Statements and notes thereto included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2024. In the opinion of management, all adjustments for interim periods presented have been made, which include normal recurring accruals and deferrals necessary for a fair presentation of our condensed consolidated financial position, results of operations and cash flows. The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates, and these differences could have a significant impact on the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements. Results for interim periods are not necessarily indicative of the results which might be expected for a full year.

2. Stock Compensation

During the first quarter of fiscal 2025, the Board of Directors (the "Board") approved certain grants under a new Long-Term Incentive Program (the "2025 LTIP") that contain performance-based vesting conditions. The performance period for the 2025 LTIP commenced on November 1, 2024 and will end on October 31, 2027. At the end of the performance period, 100% of the awards, if any, are payable in shares of Company stock, subject to a mandatory two-year post-vesting hold period.

For the three months ended January 31, 2025 and 2024 stock-based compensation expense was \$3.6 million (\$2.6 million net of tax) and \$4.1 million (\$3.0 million net of tax), respectively.

3. Interest

Interest costs incurred, expensed and capitalized were as follows:

(In thousands)	Three Months Ended January 31,	
	2025	2024
Interest capitalized at beginning of period	\$ 57,671	\$ 52,060
Plus interest incurred(1)	29,855	31,961
Less cost of sales interest expensed	(19,356)	(19,898)
Less other interest expensed(2)	(9,517)	(10,451)
Less interest contributed to unconsolidated joint venture(3)	(5,769)	-
Interest capitalized at end of period(4)	\$ 52,884	\$ 53,672

(1) Data does not include interest incurred by our mortgage and finance subsidiaries.

(2) Other interest expensed includes interest that does not qualify for interest capitalization because our assets that qualify for interest capitalization (inventory under development) did not exceed our debt, which amounted to \$3.7 million for the three months ended January 31, 2024. During the three months ended January 31, 2025, our inventory under development exceeded our debt, therefore, all of the related interest incurred qualified for interest capitalization. Other interest also includes interest on completed homes, land in planning and fully developed lots without homes under construction, along with financing programs, which does not qualify for capitalization and therefore is expensed as incurred. This component of other interest was \$9.5 million and \$6.8 million for the three months ended January 31, 2025 and 2024, respectively.

(3) Represents capitalized interest which was included as part of the assets contributed to a joint venture, as discussed in Note 18. There was no impact to the Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations as a result of these capitalized interest transactions.

(4) Capitalized interest amounts are shown gross before allocating a portion of impairments, if any, to capitalized interest.

4. Reduction of Inventory to Fair Value

We had 477 and 403 communities under development and held for future development or sale at January 31, 2025 and 2024, respectively, which we evaluated for impairment indicators. We did not identify impairment indicators (i.e., those with a project operating loss) for any community during the three months ended January 31, 2025 and 2024.

Write-offs of options, engineering and capitalized interest costs are recorded in "Inventory impairments and land option write-offs" when we redesign communities, abandon certain engineering costs or do not exercise options in various locations because the pro forma profitability is not projected to produce adequate returns on investment commensurate with the risk. Total aggregate write-offs related to these items were \$1.0 million and \$0.3 million for the three months ended January 31, 2025 and 2024, respectively. The number of lots walked away from during the three months ended January 31, 2025 and 2024 were 2,434 and 928, respectively. The walk-aways during the first quarter of fiscal 2025 occurred across each of our segments and for the first quarter of fiscal 2024 the walk-aways occurred in our Southeast and West segments.

We sell and lease back certain of our model homes with the right to participate in the potential profit when each home is sold to a third-party at the end of the respective lease. As a result of our continued involvement and the ability to repurchase model homes with below market options, for accounting purposes in accordance with ASC 606, these sale and leaseback transactions are considered a financing rather than a sale. Our Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets at January 31, 2025 and October 31, 2024, included inventory of \$60.2 million and \$46.1 million, respectively, recorded to "Consolidated inventory not owned" with a corresponding amount of \$61.4 million (net of debt issuance costs) and \$46.2 million, respectively, recorded to "Liabilities from inventory not owned" for the amount of net cash received from the transactions.

We have land banking arrangements, whereby we sell our land parcels to a land banker and they provide us an option to purchase back finished lots on a predetermined schedule. Because of our options to repurchase these parcels, for accounting purposes in accordance with ASC 606, these transactions are considered a financing rather than a sale. Our Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets at January 31, 2025 and October 31, 2024, included inventory of \$176.7 million and \$164.9 million, respectively, recorded to "Consolidated inventory not owned" with a corresponding amount of \$94.9 million (net of debt issuance costs) and \$94.1 million, respectively, recorded to "Liabilities from inventory not owned" for the amount of net cash received from the transactions.

5. Variable Interest Entities

We enter into land and lot option purchase contracts to procure land or lots for the construction of homes. Under these contracts, the Company will fund a stated deposit in consideration for the right, but not the obligation, to purchase land or lots at a future point in time with predetermined terms. Under the terms of the option purchase contracts, many of the option deposits are not refundable at the Company's discretion. Under the requirements of ASC 810, certain option purchase contracts may result in the creation of a Variable Interest Entity ("VIE") that owns the land parcel under option.

Although the Company does not have legal title to the underlying land, we analyze our option purchase contracts to determine whether the corresponding land and lot sellers are VIEs and, if so, whether we are the primary beneficiary. The significant factors we consider in determining if the power to direct the activities of a VIE that most significantly impact the VIE's economic performance are shared include, among other things, our ability in determining or limiting the scope or purpose of the VIE, selling or transferring property owned or controlled by the VIE, changing the terms of the contract or arranging financing for the VIE. As a result of our analyses, we have concluded, there are no VIEs that required consolidation at either January 31, 2025 or October 31, 2024 because we are not the primary beneficiary of the land or lots under option purchase contracts.

We will continue to secure land and lots using options, some of which are with VIEs where we have determined power is shared among the partners and we do not have a controlling financial interest. Including deposits on our unconsolidated VIEs, at January 31, 2025 and October 31, 2024, we had total cash deposits amounting to \$286.0 million and \$264.8 million, respectively, to purchase land and lots with a total purchase price of \$3.3 billion and \$3.0 billion, respectively. The maximum exposure to loss with respect to our land and lot options is limited to the deposits plus any pre-development costs invested in the property, although some deposits are refundable at our request or if certain conditions are met.

6. Warranty Costs

We accrue for warranty costs that are covered under our existing general liability and construction defect policy as part of our general liability insurance deductible. For homes to be delivered in fiscal 2025 and previously delivered in 2024, our deductible under our general liability insurance is or was \$30.0 million annually, aggregated for construction defect and warranty claims. For bodily injury claims, our deductible per occurrence in fiscal 2025 and 2024 is or was \$0.25 million and \$0.5 million for action over claims, both with a \$30.0 million limit. In addition, we establish a warranty accrual for lower cost-related issues to cover home repairs, community amenities and land development infrastructure that are not covered under our general liability and construction defect policy. We accrue an estimate for these warranty costs at the time each home is closed and control is transferred to the homebuyer. Additions, charges and changes in the warranty reserve and general liability reserve for the three months ended January 31, 2025 and 2024 were as follows:

(In thousands)	Three Months Ended January 31,	
	2025	2024
Balance, beginning of period	\$ 89,391	\$ 98,919
Additions – Selling, general and administrative	2,547	2,547
Additions – Cost of sales	2,102	2,868
Charges incurred during the period	(2,876)	(6,644)
Changes to pre-existing reserves	(374)	2,146
Balance, end of period	\$ 90,790	\$ 99,836

7. Commitments and Contingent Liabilities

We are involved in litigation arising in the ordinary course of business, none of which is expected to have a material adverse effect on our financial position, results of operations or cash flows, and we are subject to extensive and complex laws and regulations that affect the development of land and home building, sales and customer financing processes, including zoning, density, building standards and mortgage financing. These laws and regulations often provide broad discretion to the administering governmental authorities. This can delay or increase the cost of development or homebuilding. The significant majority of our litigation matters are related to construction defect claims. Our estimated losses from construction defect litigation matters, if any, are included in our construction defect reserves.

We also are subject to a variety of local, state, federal and foreign laws and regulations concerning protection of health and the environment, including those regulating the emission or discharge of materials into the environment, the management of storm water runoff at construction sites, the handling, use, storage and disposal of hazardous substances, impacts to wetlands and other sensitive environments, and the remediation of contamination at properties that we have owned or developed or currently own or are developing ("environmental laws"). The particular environmental laws that apply to a site may vary greatly according to the community site, for example, due to the community, the environmental conditions at or near the site, and the present and former uses of the site. These environmental laws may result in delays, may cause us to incur substantial compliance, remediation and/or other costs, and can prohibit or severely restrict development and homebuilding activity. In addition, noncompliance with these laws and regulations could result in fines and penalties, obligations to remediate or take corrective action, permit revocations or other sanctions; and contamination or other environmental conditions at or in the vicinity of our developments may result in claims against us for personal injury, property damage or other losses.

We anticipate that increasingly stringent requirements will continue to be imposed on developers and homebuilders in the future. In addition, some of these laws and regulations that significantly affect how certain properties may be developed are contentious, attract intense political attention, and may be subject to significant changes over time. For example, regulations governing wetlands permitting under the federal Clean Water Act have been the subject of extensive rulemakings for many years, resulting in several major joint rulemakings by the EPA and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers that have expanded and contracted the scope of wetlands subject to regulation; and such rulemakings have been the subject of many legal challenges, some of which remain pending. It is unclear how these and related developments, including at the state or local level, ultimately may affect the scope of regulated wetlands where we operate. Although we cannot reliably predict the extent of any effect these developments regarding wetlands, or any other requirements that may take effect, may have on us, they could result in time-consuming and expensive compliance programs and in substantial expenditures, which could cause delays and increase our cost of operations. In addition, our ability to obtain or renew permits or approvals and the continued effectiveness of permits already granted or approvals already obtained is dependent upon many factors, some of which are beyond our control, such as changes in policies, rules and regulations and their interpretations and application.

In December 2020, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection ("NJDEP") and the Administrator of the New Jersey Spill Compensation Fund (the "Spill Fund") filed a lawsuit in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Law Division, Union County against Hovnanian Enterprises, Inc., in addition to other unrelated parties, in connection with contamination at Hickory Manor, a residential condominium development. Alleged predecessors of certain defendants had used the Hickory Manor property for decades for manufacturing purposes. In 1998, NJDEP confirmed that groundwater at this site was impacted from an off-site source. The site was later remediated, resulting in the NJDEP issuing an unconditional site-wide No Further Action determination letter and Covenant Not to Sue in 1999. Subsequently, one of our affiliates was involved in redeveloping the property as a residential community. The complaint asserts claims under the New Jersey Spill Act and other state law claims and alleges that the NJDEP and the Spill Fund have incurred over \$5.3 million since 2009 to investigate vapor intrusion at the development and to install vapor mitigation systems. Among other things, the complaint seeks recovery of the costs incurred, an order that defendants perform additional required remediation and disgorgement of profits on our affiliate's sales of the units in the development. Discovery has commenced. Hovnanian Enterprises, Inc. intends to defend these claims vigorously.

8. Cash Equivalents, Restricted Cash and Customers' Deposits

Cash equivalents include certificates of deposit, U.S. Treasury bills and government money-market funds with maturities of 90 days or less when purchased. Our cash balances are held at a few financial institutions and may, at times, exceed insurable amounts. We believe we help to mitigate this risk by depositing our cash in major high credit quality financial institutions. At January 31, 2025 and October 31, 2024, \$14.5 million and \$13.6 million, respectively, of our total cash and cash equivalents was in cash equivalents and restricted cash equivalents.

Homebuilding "Restricted cash and cash equivalents" on the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets totaled \$8.4 million and \$7.9 million as of January 31, 2025 and October 31, 2024, respectively, which primarily consists of cash collateralizing our letter of credit agreements and facilities (see Note 12).

Financial services restricted cash and cash equivalents, which are included in "Financial services" assets on the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets, totaled \$37.0 million and \$42.3 million as of January 31, 2025 and October 31, 2024, respectively. Included in these balances were (1) financial services customers' deposits of \$33.4 million and \$39.2 million at January 31, 2025 and October 31, 2024, respectively, which are subject to restrictions on our use, and (2) restricted cash under the terms of our mortgage warehouse lines of credit of \$3.6 million and \$3.1 million at January 31, 2025 and October 31, 2024, respectively.

Homebuilding "Customers' deposits" are shown as a liability on the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets. These liabilities are significantly more than the applicable periods' restricted cash balances because in some states the deposits are not restricted from use and, in other states, we are able to release the majority of these customer deposits to cash by pledging letters of credit or surety bonds.

9. Leases

We rent certain office space for use in our operations. Our lease population at January 31, 2025 is comprised of operating leases where we are the lessee, primarily for our corporate office and division offices.

Lease costs are included in our Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations, primarily in "Selling, general and administrative" homebuilding expenses, and payments on our lease liabilities are presented in the table below.

(In thousands)	Three Months Ended January 31,	
	2025	2024
Operating lease costs	\$ 2,995	\$ 2,633
Cash payments on lease liabilities	\$ 2,831	\$ 2,238

Operating right-of-use lease assets ("ROU assets") are included in "Prepaid expenses and other assets" on our Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets, while lease liabilities are included in "Accounts payable and other liabilities". During the three months ended January 31, 2025, we had an increase to ROU assets and lease liabilities of \$2.2 million, respectively, as a result of lease renewals that commenced during the period. We also modified a lease in our Northeast segment to shorten the term during the three months ended January 31, 2025, which resulted in a decrease to ROU assets and lease liabilities of \$7.7 million, respectively. The following table contains additional information about our leases:

(In thousands)	January 31, 2025	October 31, 2024
ROU assets	\$ 23,557	\$ 28,765
Lease liabilities	\$ 25,460	\$ 30,868
Weighted-average remaining lease term (in years)	3.4	4.6
Weighted-average discount rate	10.3%	10.3%

Maturities of our operating lease liabilities as of January 31, 2025 are as follows:

Fiscal Year Ending October 31,	(In thousands)
2025 (excluding the three months ended January 31, 2025)	\$ 7,901
2026	9,652
2027	7,124
2028	3,345
2029	1,404
2030 and thereafter	842
Total operating lease payments (1)	30,268
Less: imputed interest	(4,808)
Present value of operating lease liabilities	\$ 25,460

(1) Lease payments include options to extend lease terms that are reasonably certain of being executed and exclude \$3.3 million of legally binding minimum lease payments for office leases signed but not yet commenced as of January 31, 2025. The related ROU assets and operating lease liabilities are not reflected on the Company's Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets.

10. Mortgage Loans Held for Sale

Our wholly owned mortgage banking subsidiary, K. Hovnanian American Mortgage, LLC (“K. Hovnanian Mortgage”), originates mortgage loans, primarily from the sale of our homes. Such mortgage loans are sold in the secondary mortgage market within a short period of time of origination. Mortgage loans held for sale are collateralized by the underlying property. Loans held for sale are recorded at fair value with changes in the value recognized in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations in “Financial services” revenue. We use forward sales of mortgage-backed securities (“MBS”), interest rate commitments from borrowers and forward commitments to sell loans to third parties to protect us from interest rate fluctuations. These short-term instruments do not require any payments to be made to the counterparty or purchaser in connection with the execution of the commitments.

At January 31, 2025 and October 31, 2024, \$112.4 million and \$145.7 million, respectively, of mortgages held for sale were pledged against our mortgage warehouse lines of credit (see Note 11). We may incur losses with respect to mortgages that were previously sold that are delinquent and which had underwriting defects, but only to the extent the losses are not covered by mortgage insurance or the resale value of the home. The reserves for these estimated losses are included in “Financial services” liabilities on the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets. At both January 31, 2025 and October 31, 2024, we had specific reserves for 10 identified mortgage loans, as well as reserves for an estimate of future losses on mortgages sold but not yet identified to us.

The activity in our loan origination reserves during the three months ended January 31, 2025 and 2024 were as follows:

(In thousands)	Three Months Ended	
	January 31,	
	2025	2024
Loan origination reserves, beginning of period	\$ 2,520	\$ 2,013
Provisions for estimated losses during the period	145	328
Payments/settlements	(39)	(282)
Loan origination reserves, end of period	\$ 2,626	\$ 2,059

11. Mortgages

Nonrecourse

We had nonrecourse mortgage loans for certain communities totaling \$87.6 million and \$90.7 million, net of debt issuance costs, at January 31, 2025 and October 31, 2024, respectively, which are secured by the related real property, including any improvements, with an aggregate book value of \$219.4 million and \$249.7 million, respectively. The weighted-average interest rate on these obligations was 8.2% and 8.7% at January 31, 2025 and October 31, 2024, respectively, and the mortgage loan payments primarily correspond to home deliveries.

Mortgage Loans

K. Hovnanian Mortgage finances the origination of mortgage loans through various master repurchase agreements, which are recorded in “Financial services” liabilities on the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets.

Our secured Master Repurchase Agreement with JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. (“Chase Master Repurchase Agreement”) is a short-term borrowing facility that provides up to \$50.0 million through its maturity on July 31, 2025. The loan is secured by the mortgages held for sale and is repaid when we sell the underlying mortgage loans to permanent investors. Interest is payable monthly on outstanding advances at an adjusted Secured Overnight Financing Rate (“SOFR”), plus an applicable margin of 2.00% to 2.25%. As of January 31, 2025 and October 31, 2024, the aggregate principal amount of all borrowings outstanding under the Chase Master Repurchase Agreement was \$0.0 million and \$7.3 million, respectively.

K. Hovnanian Mortgage has another secured Master Repurchase Agreement with Customers Bank (“Customers Master Repurchase Agreement”), which is a short-term borrowing facility that provides up to \$100.0 million through its maturity on March 5, 2025. The loan is secured by the mortgages held for sale and is repaid when we sell the underlying mortgage loans to permanent investors. Interest is payable daily or as loans are sold to permanent investors on outstanding advances at the current Bloomberg Short Term Bank Yield Index (“BSBY”) rate or SOFR, plus an applicable margin ranging from 2.125% to 4.5% based on the type of loan and the number of days outstanding on the warehouse line. As of January 31, 2025 and October 31, 2024, the aggregate principal amount of all borrowings outstanding under the Customers Master Repurchase Agreement was \$52.1 million and \$78.6 million, respectively.

K. Hovnanian Mortgage has another secured Master Repurchase Agreement with Hinsdale Bank & Trust Company, N.A. ("Hinsdale Master Repurchase Agreement"), which is a short-term borrowing facility that provides up to \$50.0 million through its maturity on July 14, 2025. The loan is secured by the mortgages held for sale and is repaid when we sell the underlying mortgage loans to permanent investors. Interest is payable monthly on outstanding advances at the One-Month Term SOFR, plus an applicable margin of 1.75% subject to a floor of 2.75%. As of January 31, 2025 and October 31, 2024, the aggregate principal amount of all borrowings outstanding under the Hinsdale Master Repurchase Agreement was \$46.5 million and \$45.5 million, respectively.

The Chase Master Repurchase Agreement, Customers Master Repurchase Agreement and Hinsdale Master Repurchase Agreement (together, the "Master Repurchase Agreements") require K. Hovnanian Mortgage to satisfy and maintain specified financial ratios and other financial condition tests. Because of the extremely short period of time mortgages are held by K. Hovnanian Mortgage before the mortgages are sold to investors (generally a period of a few weeks), the immateriality to us on a consolidated basis, the size of the Master Repurchase Agreements, the levels required by these financial covenants, our ability based on our immediately available resources to contribute sufficient capital to cure any default, were such conditions to occur, and our right to cure any conditions of default based on the terms of the applicable agreement, we do not consider any of these covenants to be substantive or material. As of January 31, 2025, we believe we were in compliance with the covenants under the Master Repurchase Agreements.

12. Senior Notes and Credit Facilities

Senior notes and credit facilities balances as of January 31, 2025 and October 31, 2024, were as follows:

(In thousands)	January 31, 2025	October 31, 2024
Senior Secured Notes:		
8.0% Senior Secured 1.125 Lien Notes due September 30, 2028	\$ 225,000	\$ 225,000
11.75% Senior Secured 1.25 Lien Notes due September 30, 2029	430,000	430,000
Total Senior Secured Notes	\$ 655,000	\$ 655,000
Senior Notes:		
13.5% Senior Notes due February 1, 2026	\$ 26,588	\$ 26,588
5.0% Senior Notes due February 1, 2040	24,968	24,968
Total Senior Notes	\$ 51,556	\$ 51,556
Senior Secured 1.75 Lien Term Loan Credit Facility due January 31, 2028	\$ 175,000	\$ 175,000
Senior Secured Revolving Credit Facility (1)	-	-
Subtotal senior notes and credit facilities	\$ 881,556	\$ 881,556
Net premiums (discounts)	\$ 14,671	\$ 17,340
Unamortized debt issuance costs	\$ (2,521)	\$ (2,678)
Total senior notes and credit facilities, net of discounts, premiums and unamortized debt issuance costs	\$ 893,706	\$ 896,218

(1) At January 31, 2025, provides for up to \$125.0 million in aggregate amount of senior secured first lien revolving loans. The revolving loans thereunder have a maturity of June 30, 2026 and borrowings bear interest, at K. Hovnanian's option, at either (i) a term SOFR (subject to a floor of 3.00%) plus an applicable margin of 4.50% or (ii) an alternate base rate (subject to a floor of 4.00%) plus an applicable margin of 3.50%. In addition, K. Hovnanian will pay an unused commitment fee on the undrawn revolving commitments at a rate of 1.00% per annum.

General

Except for K. Hovnanian, the issuer of the notes and borrower under the credit agreements governing our term loans and revolving credit facilities (collectively, the "Credit Facilities"), our home mortgage subsidiaries, certain of our title insurance subsidiaries, joint ventures and subsidiaries holding interests in our joint ventures, we and each of our subsidiaries are guarantors of the Credit Facilities, the senior secured notes and senior notes outstanding at January 31, 2025 (collectively, the "Notes Guarantors").

The credit agreements governing the Credit Facilities and the indentures governing the senior secured and senior notes (together, the "Debt Instruments") outstanding at January 31, 2025, do not contain any financial maintenance covenants, but do contain restrictive covenants that limit, among other things, the ability of HEI and certain of its subsidiaries, including K. Hovnanian, to incur (including through exchange or certain other types of transactions) indebtedness, pay dividends and make distributions on common and preferred stock, repay/repurchase certain indebtedness prior to its respective stated maturity, repurchase common and preferred stock, make other restricted payments (including investments), sell certain assets (including in certain land banking transactions), incur liens, consolidate, merge, sell or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all of their assets and enter into certain transactions with affiliates. The Debt Instruments also contain customary events of default which would permit the lenders or holders thereof to exercise remedies with respect to the collateral (as applicable), declare the loans (the "Secured Term Loans") made under the Senior Secured 1.75 Lien Term Loan Credit Facility due January 31, 2028 (the "Secured Term Loan Facility") and loans (the "Secured Revolving Loans") made under the Senior Secured Revolving Credit Agreement due June 30, 2026 (the "Secured Credit Agreement") or notes to be immediately due and payable if not cured within applicable grace periods, including the failure to make timely payments on the Secured Term Loans, Secured Revolving Loans or notes or other material indebtedness, cross default to other material indebtedness, the failure to comply with agreements and covenants and specified events of bankruptcy and insolvency, with respect to the Secured Term Loans and Secured Revolving Loans, material inaccuracy of representations and warranties and with respect to the Secured Term Loans and Secured Revolving Loans, a change of control, and, with respect to the Secured Term Loans, Secured Revolving Loans and senior secured notes, the failure of the documents granting security for the obligations under the secured Debt Instruments to be in full force and effect, and the failure of the liens on any material portion of the collateral securing the obligations under the secured Debt Instruments to be valid and perfected. As of January 31, 2025, we believe we were in compliance with the covenants of the Debt Instruments.

Under the terms of our Debt Instruments, we have the right to make certain redemptions and prepayments and, depending on market conditions, our strategic priorities and covenant restrictions, may do so from time to time. We also continue to actively analyze and evaluate our capital structure and explore transactions to simplify our capital structure and to strengthen our balance sheet, including those that reduce leverage, interest rates and/or extend maturities, and will seek to do so with the right opportunity. We may also continue to make debt or equity purchases and/or exchanges from time to time through tender offers, exchange offers, redemptions, open market purchases, private transactions, or otherwise, or seek to raise additional debt or equity capital, depending on market conditions and covenant restrictions.

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There were no transactions related to our debt securities in the first quarter of fiscal 2025.

Secured Obligations

The Secured Credit Agreement provides for up to \$125.0 million in aggregate amount of Secured Revolving Loans to be used for general corporate purposes, upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth therein. Secured Revolving Loans are to be borrowed by K. Hovnanian and guaranteed by the Notes Guarantors. The revolving loans under the Secured Credit Agreement have a maturity of June 30, 2026 and borrowings bear interest, at K. Hovnanian's option, at either (i) SOFR (subject to a floor of 3.00%) plus an applicable margin of 4.5% or (ii) an alternate base rate (subject to a floor of 4.0%) plus an applicable margin of 3.5%. In addition, K. Hovnanian pays an unused commitment fee on the undrawn revolving commitments at a rate of 1.0% per annum.

The 8.0% Senior Secured 1.125 Lien Notes due 2028 (the "New 1.125 Lien Notes") have a maturity of September 30, 2028 and bear interest at a rate of 8.0% per annum payable semi-annually on March 30 and September 30 of each year to holders of record at the close of business on March 15 and September 15, as the case may be, immediately preceding such interest payment dates. The New 1.125 Lien Notes are redeemable in whole or in part at K. Hovnanian's option at any time prior to September 30, 2025 at a redemption price equal to 100% of their principal amount plus an applicable "Make Whole Amount". K. Hovnanian may also redeem some or all of the New 1.125 Lien Notes at 104.0% of their principal amount commencing on September 30, 2025, at 102.0% of their principal amount commencing on September 30, 2026 and at 100.0% of their principal amount commencing September 30, 2027. In addition, K. Hovnanian may also redeem up to 35.0% of the aggregate principal amount of New 1.125 Lien Notes prior to September 30, 2025 with the net cash proceeds from certain equity offerings at 108.0% of their principal amount.

The 11.75% Senior Secured 1.25 Lien Notes due 2029 (the "New 1.25 Lien Notes") have a maturity of September 30, 2029 and bear interest at a rate of 11.75% per annum payable semi-annually on March 30 and September 30 of each year to holders of record at the close of business on March 15 and September 15, as the case may be, immediately preceding such interest payment dates. The New 1.25 Lien Notes are redeemable in whole or in part at K. Hovnanian's option at any time prior to March 30, 2026 at a redemption price equal to 100% of their principal amount plus an applicable "Make Whole Amount". K. Hovnanian may also redeem some or all of the New 1.25 Lien Notes at 105.875% of their principal amount commencing on March 30, 2026, at 102.9375% of their principal amount commencing on September 30, 2027 and at 100.0% of their principal amount commencing on September 30, 2028. In addition, K. Hovnanian may also redeem up to 35.0% of the aggregate principal amount of New 1.25 Lien Notes prior to March 30, 2026, with the net cash proceeds from certain equity offerings at 111.75% of their principal amount.

The Secured Term Loans bear interest at a rate equal to 10.0% per annum (provided that the interest rate on all then outstanding Secured Term Loans shall be increased in certain circumstances when certain priority secured debt is issued, to a weighted average rate that results from applying (x) an 11.75% per annum rate to the principal amount of the Secured Term Loans equal to a specified aggregate principal amount of such priority secured debt and (y) a 10.0% per annum rate on the remaining principal amount of the Secured Term Loans) and will mature on January 31, 2028, with interest payable in arrears on the last business day of each fiscal quarter. At any time and from time to time after November 15, 2023, K. Hovnanian may voluntarily prepay some or all of the Secured Term Loans at a prepayment price equal to 100.0% of their principal amount.

Each series of secured notes and the guarantees thereof, the Secured Term Loans and the guarantees thereof and the Secured Credit Agreement and the guarantees thereof are secured by the same assets. Among the secured debt (in each case, with respect to the assets securing such debt): the liens securing the Secured Credit Agreement are senior to the liens securing all of K. Hovnanian's other secured notes and the Secured Term Loans; the liens securing the New 1.125 Lien Notes are senior to the liens securing the New 1.25 Lien Notes, the Secured Term Loans and any other future secured obligations that are junior in priority with respect to the assets securing the New 1.125 Lien Notes; the liens securing the New 1.25 Lien Notes are senior to the liens securing the Secured Term Loans and any other future secured obligations that are junior in priority with respect to the assets securing the New 1.25 Lien Notes; and the liens securing the Secured Term Loans are senior to any other future secured obligations that are junior in priority with respect to the assets securing the Secured Term Loans.

As of January 31, 2025, the collateral securing the Secured Credit Agreement, the Secured Term Loan Facility and the senior secured notes included (1) \$100.4 million of cash and cash equivalents, which included \$3.1 million of restricted cash collateralizing certain letters of credit (subsequent to such date, fluctuations as a result of cash uses include general business operations and real estate and other investments along with cash inflow primarily from deliveries); (2) \$689.1 million aggregate book value of real property, which does not include the impact of inventory investments, home deliveries or impairments thereafter and which may differ from the value if it were appraised; and (3) equity interests in joint venture holding companies with an aggregate book value of \$171.9 million.

Unsecured Obligations

The 13.5% Senior Notes due 2026 (the "13.5% 2026 Notes") bear interest at 13.5% per annum and mature on February 1, 2026. Interest on the 13.5% 2026 Notes is payable semi-annually on February 1 and August 1 of each year to holders of record at the close of business on January 15 or July 15, as the case may be, immediately preceding each such interest payment date. The 13.5% 2026 Notes are redeemable in whole or in part at K. Hovnanian's option at any time and from time to time on or after February 1, 2025, at a redemption price equal to 100.0% of their principal amount.

The 5.0% Senior Notes due 2040 (the "5.0% 2040 Notes") bear interest at 5.0% per annum and mature on February 1, 2040. Interest on the 5.0% 2040 Notes is payable semi-annually on February 1 and August 1 of each year to holders of record at the close of business on January 15 or July 15, as the case may be, immediately preceding each such interest payment date. At any time and from time to time, K. Hovnanian may redeem some or all of the 5.0% 2040 Notes at a redemption price equal to 100.0% of their principal amount.

Other

We have certain stand-alone cash collateralized letter of credit agreements and facilities under which there was a total of \$3.1 million and \$2.6 million letters of credit outstanding at January 31, 2025 and October 31, 2024, respectively. These agreements and facilities require us to maintain specified amounts of cash as collateral in segregated accounts to support the letters of credit issued thereunder, which is reflected in "Restricted cash and cash equivalents" on the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets.

13. Per Share Calculation

Basic and diluted earnings per share for the periods presented below were calculated as follows:

(In thousands, except per share data)	Three Months Ended	
	January 31,	
	2025	2024
Numerator:		
Net income	\$ 28,191	\$ 23,904
Less: preferred stock dividends	(2,669)	(2,669)
Less: undistributed earnings allocated to participating securities	(209)	(1,025)
Numerator for basic earnings per share	\$ 25,313	\$ 20,210
Plus: undistributed earnings allocated to participating securities	209	1,025
Less: undistributed earnings reallocated to participating securities	(209)	(1,025)
Numerator for diluted earnings per share	\$ 25,313	\$ 20,210
Denominator:		
Denominator for basic earnings per share – weighted average shares outstanding	6,517	6,496
Effect of dilutive securities:		
Stock-based payments	554	441
Denominator for diluted earnings per share – weighted-average shares outstanding	7,071	6,937
Basic earnings per share	\$ 3.88	\$ 3.11
Diluted earnings per share	\$ 3.58	\$ 2.91

There were no anti-dilutive shares for the three months ended January 31, 2025 and 2024.

14. Preferred Stock

On July 12, 2005, we issued 5,600 shares of 7.625% Series A preferred stock, with a liquidation preference of \$25,000 per share. Dividends on Series A preferred stock are not cumulative and are payable at an annual rate of 7.625%. The Series A preferred stock is not convertible into the Company's common stock and is redeemable in whole or in part at our option at the liquidation preference of the shares. The Series A preferred stock is traded as depositary shares, with each depositary share representing 1/1000th of a share of Series A preferred stock. We paid dividends of \$2.7 million on the Series A preferred stock for each of the three months ended January 31, 2025 and 2024.

15. Common Stock

Each share of Class A common stock entitles its holder to one vote per share, and each share of Class B common stock generally entitles its holder to ten votes per share. The amount of any regular cash dividend payable on a share of Class A common stock will be an amount equal to 110% of the corresponding regular cash dividend payable on a share of Class B common stock. If a shareholder desires to sell shares of Class B common stock, such stock must be converted into shares of Class A common stock at a one-to-one conversion rate.

On August 4, 2008, the Board adopted a shareholder rights plan (the "Rights Plan"), which was amended on January 11, 2018, January 18, 2021, and January 11, 2024, designed to preserve shareholder value and the value of certain tax assets primarily associated with net operating loss ("NOL") carryforwards and built-in losses under Section 382 of the Internal Revenue Code. Our ability to use NOLs and built-in losses would be limited if there was an "ownership change" under Section 382. This would occur if shareholders owning (or deemed under Section 382 to own) 5% or more of our stock increase their collective ownership of the aggregate amount of our outstanding shares by more than 50 percentage points over a defined period of time. The Rights Plan was adopted to reduce the likelihood of an "ownership change" occurring as defined by Section 382. Under the Rights Plan, one right was distributed for each share of Class A common Stock and Class B common Stock outstanding as of the close of business on August 15, 2008. Effective August 15, 2008, if any person or group acquires 4.9% or more of the outstanding shares of Class A common stock without the approval of the Board, there would be a triggering event causing significant dilution in the voting power of such person or group. However, existing shareholders who owned, at the time of the Rights Plan's initial adoption on August 4, 2008, 4.9% or more of the outstanding shares of Class A common stock will trigger a dilutive event only if they acquire additional shares. The approval of the Board's decision to adopt the Rights Plan may be terminated by the Board at any time prior to the Rights being triggered. The Rights Plan will continue in effect until August 14, 2027, unless it expires earlier in accordance with its terms. The approval of the Board's decision to initially adopt the Rights Plan and Amendments Nos. 1, 2 and 3 thereto were approved by shareholders. Our shareholders also approved an amendment to our Certificate of Incorporation to restrict certain transfers of Class A common stock in order to preserve the tax treatment of our NOLs and built-in losses under Section 382 of the Internal Revenue Code. Subject to certain exceptions pertaining to pre-existing 5% shareholders and holders of Class B common stock, the transfer restrictions in our Restated Certificate of Incorporation generally restrict any direct or indirect transfer (such as transfers of our stock that result from the transfer of interests in other entities that own our stock) if the effect would be to (i) increase the direct or indirect ownership of our stock by any person (or public group) from less than 5% to 5% or more of our common stock; (ii) increase the percentage of our common stock owned directly or indirectly by a person (or public group) owning or deemed to own 5% or more of our common stock; or (iii) create a new "public group" (as defined in the applicable U.S. Treasury regulations). Transfers included under the transfer restrictions include sales to persons (or public groups) whose resulting percentage ownership (direct or indirect) of common stock would exceed the 5% thresholds discussed above, or to persons whose direct or indirect ownership of common stock would by attribution cause another person (or public group) to exceed such threshold.

On September 1, 2022, the Board authorized a repurchase program for up to \$50.0 million of our Class A common stock. As of October 31, 2024, \$6.5 million of our Class A common stock was available to be purchased under the stock repurchase program. On December 18, 2024, our Board of Directors authorized an incremental increase to our repurchase program. Under the repurchase program, as increased by the Board of Directors, inclusive of any amounts remaining under the existing repurchase authorization initially authorized by the Board of Directors on September 1, 2022, we are authorized to repurchase up to \$26.5 million of our Class A common stock. Under the program, repurchases may be made from time to time in open market transactions, in privately negotiated transactions or otherwise. The timing and the actual dollar amount repurchased will depend on a variety of factors, including legal requirements, price, future tax implications and economic and market conditions. The repurchase program may be changed, suspended or discontinued at any time and does not have a specified expiration date.

During the three months ended January 31, 2025, we repurchased 131,460 shares under the stock repurchase program, with a market value of \$17.9 million, or \$135.95 per share. There were no shares repurchased during the three months ended January 31, 2024. The repurchased shares were added to "Treasury stock" on the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets. As of January 31, 2025, \$8.6 million of our Class A common stock is available to be purchased under the stock repurchase program.

16. Income Taxes

For the three months ended January 31, 2025 and 2024, we recorded income tax expense of \$11.7 million and \$8.7 million, respectively. In both the current and prior year periods, the expense was primarily driven by federal and state tax expense on income before income taxes and permanent differences, partially offset by the generation of energy home credits. The federal tax expense is not paid in cash as it is offset by the use of our existing NOL carryforwards.

The Company recognizes deferred income taxes for deferred tax benefits arising from NOL carryforwards and temporary differences between book and tax income which will be recognized in future years as an offset against future taxable income. As part of our analysis, we considered both positive and negative factors that impact profitability and whether those factors would lead to a change in estimate of our deferred tax assets (“DTAs”) that may be realized in the future. At January 31, 2025, the Company has determined that it is more likely than not that sufficient taxable income will be generated in the future to realize its DTAs, net of any state valuation allowances.

17. Operating and Reporting Segments

HEI’s operating segments are components of the Company’s business for which discrete financial information is available and reviewed regularly by the chief operating decision maker, our Chief Executive Officer, to evaluate performance and make resource allocations.

We currently have homebuilding operations in 13 states that are aggregated into reportable segments based primarily upon geographic proximity.

HEI’s reportable segments consist of the following three homebuilding segments and a financial services segment.

Homebuilding:

- (1) Northeast (Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia)
- (2) Southeast (Florida, Georgia and South Carolina)
- (3) West (Arizona, California and Texas)

Operations of the homebuilding segments primarily include the sale and construction of single-family attached and detached homes, attached townhomes and condominiums, urban infill and active lifestyle homes in planned residential developments. In addition, from time to time, operations of the homebuilding segments include sales of land. Operations of the financial services segment include mortgage banking and title services provided to the homebuilding operations’ customers. Our financial services subsidiaries do not typically retain or service mortgages that we originate but sell the mortgages and related servicing rights to investors.

Corporate and unallocated primarily represents operations at our headquarters in New Jersey. This includes our executive offices, information services, human resources, corporate accounting, training, treasury, process redesign, internal audit, construction services, administration of insurance, quality and safety. It also includes interest income and interest expense resulting from interest incurred that cannot be capitalized in inventory in the homebuilding segments, as well as the gains or losses on extinguishment of debt from any debt repurchases or exchanges.

Evaluation of segment performance is based primarily on income (loss) before income taxes. Income (loss) before income taxes for the homebuilding segments consist of revenues generated from the sales of homes and land, income (loss) from unconsolidated entities, management fees and other income, less the cost of homes and land sold, selling, general and administrative expenses and interest expense. Income (loss) before income taxes for the financial services segment consist of revenues generated from mortgage financing, title insurance and closing services, less the cost of such services and corporate general and administrative expenses.

Operational results of each segment are not necessarily indicative of the results that would have occurred had the segment been an independent stand-alone entity during the periods presented.

Financial information relating to our reportable segments was as follows:

(In thousands)	Three Months Ended January 31,	
	2025	2024
Revenues:		
Northeast	\$ 283,748	\$ 191,440
Southeast	51,602	106,010
West	319,954	278,457
Total homebuilding	655,304	575,907
Financial services	16,942	15,268
Corporate and unallocated	1,377	3,021
Total revenues	\$ 673,623	\$ 594,196
Income before income taxes:		
Northeast	\$ 39,791	\$ 35,909
Southeast	9,721	14,875
West	2,621	20,592
Total homebuilding	52,133	71,376
Financial services	3,505	3,797
Corporate and unallocated (1)	(15,775)	(42,610)
Income before income taxes	\$ 39,863	\$ 32,563

(1) Corporate and unallocated for the three months ended January 31, 2025, included corporate general and administrative expenses of \$32.7 million and \$16.9 million of other income. Corporate and unallocated for the three months ended January 31, 2024, included corporate general and administrative expenses of \$37.1 million, interest expense of \$3.7 million, \$3.2 million of other net expenses, and \$1.4 million of gain on extinguishment of debt.

(In thousands)	January 31,	October 31,
	2025	2024
Assets:		
Northeast	\$ 666,422	\$ 664,064
Southeast	345,017	296,058
West	936,651	889,704
Total homebuilding	1,948,090	1,849,826
Financial services	162,996	203,589
Corporate and unallocated	422,189	552,159
Total assets	\$ 2,533,275	\$ 2,605,574

18. Investments in Unconsolidated Homebuilding and Land Development Joint Ventures

We enter into homebuilding and land development joint ventures from time to time as a means of accessing lot positions, expanding our market opportunities, establishing strategic alliances, managing our risk profile, leveraging our capital base and enhancing returns on capital.

During the first quarter of fiscal 2025, we contributed four active selling communities we owned to one new unconsolidated joint venture for \$20.8 million of net cash and a \$50.0 million note receivable, resulting in a gain of \$22.7 million, which was recorded in "Other (income) expense, net."

The tables set forth below summarize the combined financial information related to our unconsolidated homebuilding and land development joint ventures that are accounted for under the equity method.

				January 31, 2025		
(In thousands)	Homebuilding		Land Development		Total	
Assets:						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	125,534	\$	-	\$	125,534
Inventories		514,781		-		514,781
Other assets		255,556		-		255,556
Total assets	\$	895,871	\$	-	\$	895,871
Liabilities and equity:						
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$	443,890	\$	-	\$	443,890
Notes payable		125,883		-		125,883
Total liabilities		569,773		-		569,773
Equity of:						
Hovnanian Enterprises, Inc.		171,867		-		171,867
Others		154,231		-		154,231
Total equity		326,098		-		326,098
Total liabilities and equity	\$	895,871	\$	-	\$	895,871
Debt to capitalization ratio		28%		0%		28%

				October 31, 2024		
(In thousands)	Homebuilding		Land Development		Total	
Assets:						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	130,532	\$	-	\$	130,532
Inventories		402,628		-		402,628
Other assets		311,955		-		311,955
Total assets	\$	845,115	\$	-	\$	845,115
Liabilities and equity:						
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$	469,320	\$	-	\$	469,320
Notes payable		88,653		-		88,653
Total liabilities		557,973		-		557,973
Equity of:						
Hovnanian Enterprises, Inc.		140,540		-		140,540
Others		146,602		-		146,602
Total equity		287,142		-		287,142
Total liabilities and equity	\$	845,115	\$	-	\$	845,115
Debt to capitalization ratio		24%		0%		24%

As of January 31, 2025 and October 31, 2024, we had outstanding advances to unconsolidated joint ventures of \$0.8 million and \$2.4 million, respectively. These amounts were included in "Accounts payable and accrued liabilities" in the tables above. In some cases, our net investment in unconsolidated joint ventures is less than our proportionate share of equity reflected in the tables above because of differences between asset impairments recorded against our unconsolidated joint venture investments and any impairments recorded in the applicable unconsolidated joint venture. During the three months ended January 31, 2025 and 2024, we did not write-down any of our unconsolidated joint venture investments.

Three Months Ended January 31, 2025			
(In thousands)	Homebuilding	Land Development	Total
Revenues	\$ 133,913	\$ -	\$ 133,913
Cost of sales and expenses	(120,258)	-	(120,258)
Joint venture net income	\$ 13,655	\$ -	\$ 13,655
Our share of net income	\$ 9,205	\$ -	\$ 9,205

Three Months Ended January 31, 2024			
(In thousands)	Homebuilding	Land Development	Total
Revenues	\$ 126,425	\$ -	\$ 126,425
Cost of sales and expenses	(108,659)	-	(108,659)
Joint venture net income	\$ 17,766	\$ -	\$ 17,766
Our share of net income	\$ 14,952	\$ -	\$ 14,952

The reason "Our share of net income" in homebuilding joint ventures is higher or lower than the "Joint venture net income" in the tables above is a result of our varying ownership percentages in each investment. For the three months ended January 31, 2025 and 2024, respectively, we had investments in seven unconsolidated joint ventures for both periods, respectively, and our ownership in these joint ventures ranged from 20% to over 50% for both periods. Therefore, depending on mix, if the unconsolidated joint ventures in which we have higher sharing percentages are more profitable than our other unconsolidated joint ventures, that results in us having a higher overall percentage of income in the aggregate than would occur if all joint ventures had the same sharing percentage; conversely, if the unconsolidated joint ventures in which we have lower sharing percentages are more profitable than our other unconsolidated joint ventures, that results in us having a lower overall percentage of income in the aggregate than would occur if all joint ventures had the same sharing percentage. For the three months ended January 31, 2025, "Our share of net income" was less than the "Joint venture net income" due to two unconsolidated joint ventures with increased income during the period for which we currently recognize a lower profit-sharing percentage based on the joint venture agreements, partially offset by one unconsolidated joint venture with increased losses during the period for which we currently recognize a lower profit-sharing percentage based on the joint venture agreements.

To compensate us for the administrative services we provide as the manager of certain unconsolidated joint ventures, we receive a management fee based on a percentage of the applicable unconsolidated joint ventures' revenues. These management fees, which totaled \$5.3 million and \$4.3 million for the three months ended January 31, 2025 and 2024, respectively, are recorded in "Selling, general and administrative" homebuilding expenses in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations.

Our unconsolidated joint ventures may obtain separate project specific mortgage financing. Any unconsolidated joint venture financing is on a nonrecourse basis, with guarantees from us limited only to performance and completion of development, environmental warranties and indemnification, standard indemnification for fraud, misrepresentation and other similar actions, including a voluntary bankruptcy filing. In some instances, the unconsolidated joint venture entity is considered a VIE due to the returns being capped to the equity holders; however, in these instances, we have determined that we are not the primary beneficiary, and therefore we do not consolidate these entities.

19. Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In August 2023, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") 2023-05, "Business Combinations - Joint Venture Formations" ("ASU 2023-05"), which addresses the accounting for contributions made to a joint venture. ASU 2023-05 requires joint ventures to measure all assets and liabilities upon formation at fair value. This guidance is to be applied prospectively for all joint venture formations with a formation date on or after January 1, 2025. During the current reporting period, we adopted ASU 2023-05. Adoption of ASU 2023-05 did not have an impact on our Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

In November 2023, the FASB issued ASU 2023-07, "Improvements to Reportable Segment Disclosures" ("ASU 2023-07"). ASU 2023-07 requires disclosure of significant segment expenses that are regularly provided to the chief operating decision maker and included within the segment measure of profit or loss. This guidance will be applied retrospectively and is effective for annual reporting periods in fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2023, and interim reporting periods in fiscal years beginning after December 31, 2024. We are currently evaluating the potential impact, but we do not expect the adoption of this guidance to have a material impact on our Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

In December 2023, the FASB issued ASU 2023-09, "Improvements to Income Tax Disclosures" ("ASU 2023-09"). ASU 2023-09 requires enhanced disclosures related to the rate reconciliation and information on income taxes paid. This guidance will be applied prospectively and is effective for annual reporting periods in fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2024. We are currently evaluating the potential impact the adoption of this guidance will have on our Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

In November 2024, the FASB issued ASU 2024-03, "Disaggregation of Income Statement Expenses" ("ASU 2024-03"). ASU 2024-03 requires disclosure of additional information about specific cost and expense categories in the notes to the financial statements. This guidance will be applied either prospectively or retrospectively and is effective for annual reporting periods in fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2026, and interim reporting periods in fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2027. We are currently evaluating the potential impact the adoption of this guidance will have on our Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

20. Fair Value of Financial Instruments

We use a fair-value hierarchy which prioritizes the inputs used in measuring fair value as follows:

- Level 1: Fair value determined based on quoted prices in active markets for identical assets.
- Level 2: Fair value determined using significant other observable inputs.
- Level 3: Fair value determined using significant unobservable inputs.

Our financial instruments measured at fair value on a recurring basis are summarized below:

(In thousands)	Fair Value Hierarchy	Fair Value at January 31, 2025	Fair Value at October 31, 2024
Mortgage loans held for sale (1)	Level 2	\$ 116,153	\$ 148,925

(1) The aggregate unpaid principal balance was \$116.9 million and \$149.4 million at January 31, 2025 and October 31, 2024, respectively.

Fair value of mortgage loans held for sale is based on independent quoted market prices, where available, or the prices for other mortgage loans with similar characteristics.

The financial services segment had a pipeline of loan applications in process of \$570.5 million at January 31, 2025. Loans in process for which interest rates were committed to the borrowers totaled \$52.2 million as of January 31, 2025. Substantially all of these commitments were for periods of 60 days or less. Since a portion of these commitments are expected to expire without being exercised by the borrowers, the total commitments do not necessarily represent future cash requirements.

In addition, the financial services segment uses investor commitments and forward sales of mandatory MBS to hedge its mortgage-related interest rate exposure. These instruments involve, to varying degrees, elements of credit and interest rate risk. Credit risk is managed by entering into MBS forward commitments, option contracts with investment banks, federally regulated bank affiliates and loan sales transactions with permanent investors meeting the segment's credit standards. Our risk, in the event of default by the purchaser, is the difference between the contract price and fair value of the MBS forward commitments and option contracts. At January 31, 2025, we had no open mandatory investor commitments to sell MBS.

Changes in fair value that are included in income are shown, by financial instrument and financial statement line item, below:

(In thousands)	Three Months Ended January 31, 2025		
	Mortgage Loans Held For Sale	Interest Rate Lock Commitments	Forward Contracts
Change in fair value included in financial services revenue	\$ (735)	\$ -	\$ -

(In thousands)	Three Months Ended January 31, 2024		
	Mortgage Loans Held For Sale	Interest Rate Lock Commitments	Forward Contracts
Change in fair value included in financial services revenue	\$ 802	\$ -	\$ -

We did not have any assets measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis during the three months ended January 31, 2025 and 2024, respectively.

The fair value of our cash equivalents, restricted cash and cash equivalents and customers' deposits approximates their carrying amount, based on Level 1 inputs.

The fair value of each series of our Notes and Credit Facilities are listed below. Level 2 measurements are estimated based on recent trades or quoted market prices for the same issues or based on recent trades or quoted market prices for our debt of similar security and maturity to achieve comparable yields. Level 3 measurements are estimated based on third-party broker quotes or management's estimate of the fair value based on available trades for similar debt instruments. As shown in the table below, our 8.0% Senior Secured 1.125 Lien Notes due 2028 and 11.75% Senior Secured 1.25 Lien Notes due 2029 were a Level 2 measurement at January 31, 2025 due to recent trades for the same notes.

Fair Value as of January 31, 2025				
(In thousands)	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Senior Secured Notes:				
8.0% Senior Secured 1.125 Lien Notes due September 30, 2028	\$ -	\$ 228,724	\$ -	\$ 228,724
11.75% Senior Secured 1.25 Lien Notes due September 30, 2029	-	468,524	-	468,524
Senior Notes:				
13.5% Senior Notes due February 1, 2026	-	-	27,162	27,162
5.0% Senior Notes due February 1, 2040	-	-	15,313	15,313
Senior Credit Facilities:				
Senior Secured 1.75 Lien Term Loan Credit Facility due January 31, 2028	-	-	187,275	187,275
Total fair value	\$ -	\$ 697,248	\$ 229,750	\$ 926,998

Fair Value as of October 31, 2024				
(In thousands)	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Senior Secured Notes:				
8.0% Senior Secured 1.125 Lien Notes due September 30, 2028	-	231,068	-	231,068
11.75% Senior Secured 1.25 Lien Notes due September 30, 2029	-	474,561	-	474,561
Senior Notes:				
13.5% Senior Notes due February 1, 2026	-	-	27,020	27,020
5.0% Senior Notes due February 1, 2040	-	11,485	-	11,485
Senior Credit Facilities:				
Senior Secured 1.75 Lien Term Loan Credit Facility due January 31, 2028	-	-	190,041	190,041
Total fair value	\$ -	\$ 717,114	\$ 217,061	\$ 934,175

The Senior Secured Revolving Credit Facility is not included in the above tables because there were no borrowings outstanding thereunder at January 31, 2025 and October 31, 2024.

21. Transactions with Related Parties

From time to time, an engineering firm owned by Tavit Najarian, a relative of Ara K. Hovnanian, our Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, provides services to the Company. During the three months ended January 31, 2025 and 2024, the services provided by such engineering firm to the Company totaled \$0.2 million and \$0.3 million, respectively. Neither the Company nor Mr. Hovnanian has a financial interest in the relative's company from whom the services were provided.

ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Hovnanian Enterprises, Inc. ("HEI") conducts all of its homebuilding and financial services operations through its subsidiaries (references herein to the "Company," "we," "us" or "our" refer to HEI and its consolidated subsidiaries and should be understood to reflect the consolidated business of HEI's subsidiaries).

Key Performance Indicators

The following key performance indicators are commonly used in the homebuilding industry and by management as a means to better understand our operating performance and trends affecting our business and compare our performance with the performance of other homebuilders. We believe these key performance indicators also provide useful information to investors in analyzing our performance:

- *Net contracts* is a volume indicator which represents the number of new contracts executed during the period for the purchase of homes, less cancellations of contracts in the same period. The dollar value of net contracts represents the dollars associated with net contracts executed in the period. These values are an indicator of potential future revenues;
- *Contract backlog* is a volume indicator which represents the number of homes that are under contract, but not yet delivered as of the stated date. The dollar value of contract backlog represents the dollar amount of the homes in contract backlog. These values are an indicator of potential future revenues;
- *Active selling communities* is a volume indicator which represents the number of communities which are open for sale with ten or more home sites available as of the end of a period. We identify communities based on product type; therefore, at times there are multiple communities at one land site. These values are an indicator of potential revenues;
- *Net contracts per active selling community* is used to indicate the pace at which homes are being sold (put into contract) in active selling communities and is calculated by dividing the number of net contracts in a period by the number of active selling communities in the same period. Sales pace is an indicator of market strength and demand; and
- *Contract cancellation rates* is a volume indicator which represents the number of sales contracts cancelled in the period divided by the number of gross sales contracts executed during the period. Contract cancellation rates as a percentage of backlog is calculated by dividing the number of cancelled contracts in the period by the contract backlog at the beginning of the period. Cancellation rates as compared to prior periods can be an indicator of market strength or weakness.

Overview

Market Conditions and Operating Results

The demand for new and existing homes is dependent on a variety of demographic and economic factors, including job and wage growth, household formation, consumer confidence, mortgage financing, interest rates, inflation and overall housing affordability.

During fiscal 2024 and continuing through the first quarter of fiscal 2025, mortgage rates fluctuated, but still remain at a persistently high level. As a result, affordability generally remains challenging for homebuyers. We have stayed aggressive in our pricing, incentives and concessions in order to align with the current market.

We continue to use our increased inventory of quick move-in homes ("QMI homes") to help meet buyers' needs for more affordable housing in the existing uncertain interest rate environment. The time between contract signing and closing is shorter with a QMI home as compared to a to be built home, which provides customers with more certainty on their mortgage pricing. The availability of QMI homes also allows us to offer mortgage interest rate buydown assistance, which is a tool we offer through our wholly-owned mortgage banking subsidiary ("K. Hovnanian Mortgage"), to help ease the impact of higher monthly payments from rising interest rates. We pay the cost of interest rate buydowns for customers that qualify through K. Hovnanian Mortgage and decide to use the program. The level of interest rate based incentives utilized differs across our markets and is one of several available options we use to drive sales and close homes.

The number of existing home sales listings remain at all-time low levels, which limits the supply of homes available for purchase, leading to increased demand for new homes. There was a solid demand for our homes in the first quarter of fiscal 2025 as compared to the same period of the prior year, which led to an increase in net contracts, as compared to the first quarter of fiscal 2024. We were able to increase net prices in approximately 40% of our communities during the first quarter of fiscal 2025.

There still remains a great degree of uncertainty due to inflation, tariffs, the continued possibility of an economic recession, employment risk and the potential for further mortgage rate increases. While we continue to experience some supply chain issues, we remain focused on continuing to shorten our construction cycle times and building on our national initiatives to drive down costs with our material providers and trade partners. The changing conditions in the housing market, and in the general economy, makes it difficult to predict how strongly our business will be impacted by these external factors over fiscal 2025 and beyond.

Our cash position allowed us to spend \$247.6 million on land purchases and land development for long-term growth during the three months ended January 31, 2025, and still have total liquidity of \$222.4 million, including \$94.3 million of homebuilding cash and cash equivalents and \$125.0 million of borrowing capacity under our senior secured revolving credit facility as of January 31, 2025.

Information on our operating results for the three months ended January 31, 2025 are as follows:

- Sale of homes revenues increased to \$646.9 million for the three months ended January 31, 2025 from \$573.6 million for the three months ended January 31, 2024. There was an 18.0% increase in the number of home deliveries for the three months ended January 31, 2025 compared to the prior year period, partially offset by a decrease in average prices of 4.4% for the three months ended January 31, 2025 compared to the prior year period. The decrease in average price was the result of the geographic and community mix of our deliveries.
- Gross margin dollars decreased 6.3% for the three months ended January 31, 2025 as compared to the same period of the prior year, while gross margin percentage decreased to 15.2% for the three months ended January 31, 2025 from 18.3% for the three months ended January 31, 2024. Gross margin percentage, before cost of sales interest expense and land charges, decreased to 18.3% for the three months ended January 31, 2025 from 21.8% for the three months ended January 31, 2024. The decrease in gross margin percentage was primarily due to increased use of incentives and concessions, including additional mortgage interest rate buydowns, to make our homes more affordable. In the current homebuilding environment, we remain focused on driving financial performance by increasing our sales pace versus achieving a higher gross margin.
- Selling, general and administrative costs (including corporate general and administrative expenses) ("Total SGA") was \$86.9 million, or 12.9% of total revenues, in the three months ended January 31, 2025 compared with \$86.1 million, or 14.5% of total revenues, in the three months ended January 31, 2024. The decrease in Total SGA percentage is primarily due to the increase in sale of homes revenue for the period.
- Income before taxes increased to \$39.9 million for the three months ended January 31, 2025 from \$32.6 million for the three months ended January 31, 2024. Net income increased to \$28.2 million for the three months ended January 31, 2025 from \$23.9 million for the three months ended January 31, 2024. Included in net income for the three months ended January 31, 2025 was a gain of \$22.7 million related to the contribution of assets to a new joint venture. Earnings per share, basic and diluted, increased to \$3.88 and \$3.58, respectively, for the three months ended January 31, 2025 compared to \$3.11 and \$2.91, respectively, for the three months ended January 31, 2024.

- Net contracts increased 6.9% for the three months ended January 31, 2025 compared to the same period of the prior year. The increase is primarily driven by demand for new homes resulting from the low supply of existing homes for sale and our emphasis on growth by trading a higher sales pace for a lower price.
- Net contracts per active selling community remained flat at 9.6 for the three months ended January 31, 2025 and 2024, while our community count increased from 118 at January 31, 2024 to 125 at January 31, 2025.
- Contract backlog decreased from 1,888 homes at January 31, 2024 to 1,598 homes at January 31, 2025, and the dollar value of contract backlog decreased to \$931.9 million, a 16.1% decrease in dollar value compared to the prior year, as our backlog conversion ratio has increased from the prior year period due to our focus on having more QMI homes available to sell and deliver.

Results of Operations

Total Revenues

Compared to the same period in the prior year, revenues increased (decreased) as follows:

(Dollars in thousands)	Three Months Ended			
	January 31, 2025	January 31, 2024	Dollar Change	Percentage Change
Homebuilding:				
Sale of homes	\$ 646,914	\$ 573,636	\$ 73,278	12.8%
Land sales and other revenues	9,767	5,292	4,475	84.6%
Financial services	16,942	15,268	1,674	11.0%
Total revenues	\$ 673,623	\$ 594,196	\$ 79,427	13.4%

Homebuilding: Sale of Homes

For the three months ended January 31, 2025, sale of homes revenues increased 12.8% compared to the same period in the prior year. The sale of homes revenue increased due to a 18.0% increase in homes delivered, partially offset by a 4.4% decrease in the average price per home for the three months ended January 31, 2025, compared with the prior year period. The average price per home decreased to \$515,880 in the three months ended January 31, 2025 from \$539,639 in the three months ended January 31, 2024. The increase in deliveries was primarily the result of an increase in community count. The decrease in average price was the result of the geographic and community mix of our deliveries. For further detail on changes in segment revenues see “Homebuilding: Operations by Segment” below. For further detail on land sales and other revenues, see “Homebuilding: Land Sales and Other Revenues” below.

Information on the sale of homes is set forth in the table below:

(Dollars in thousands, except average sales price)	Three Months Ended January 31,		
	2025	2024	% Change
Consolidated total:			
Housing revenues	\$ 646,914	\$ 573,636	12.8%
Homes delivered	1,254	1,063	18.0%
Average sales price	\$ 515,880	\$ 539,639	(4.4)%
Unconsolidated joint ventures: (1)			
Housing revenues	\$ 131,776	\$ 125,209	5.2%
Homes delivered	197	206	(4.4)%
Average sales price	\$ 668,914	\$ 607,811	10.1%

(1) Represents housing revenues and home deliveries for our unconsolidated homebuilding joint ventures for the period. We provide this data as a supplement to our consolidated results as an indicator of the volume managed in our unconsolidated joint ventures. See Note 18 to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements included elsewhere in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for a further discussion of our unconsolidated joint ventures.

Homebuilding: Land Sales and Other Revenues

Land sales and other revenues increased \$4.5 million for the three months ended January 31, 2025, compared to the same period in the prior year. Revenue associated with land sales can vary significantly due to the mix of land parcels sold. There was one land sale for each of the three months ended January 31, 2025 and 2024. Land sales revenues increased \$5.5 million during the three months ended January 31, 2025 compared to the same period in the prior year. Other revenues, which includes interest income, decreased due to lower rates on our cash and cash equivalent accounts during the first quarter of fiscal 2025, partially offsetting the increase in land sales revenues.

Homebuilding: Cost of Sales

Cost of sales includes expenses for homebuilding and land and lot sales, including inventory impairments and land option write-offs (defined as “land charges” in the tables below). A breakout of such expenses for homebuilding and land and lot sales and the gross margins for each is set forth below.

Homebuilding gross margin, before cost of sales interest expense and land charges, is a non-GAAP financial measure. This measure should not be considered as an alternative to homebuilding gross margin determined in accordance with U.S. GAAP as an indicator of operating performance.

Management believes this non-GAAP measure enables investors to better understand our operating performance. This measure is also useful internally, helping management evaluate our operating results on a consolidated basis and relative to other companies in our industry. In particular, the magnitude and volatility of land charges for the Company, and for other homebuilders, have been significant and, as such, have made comparable financial analysis of our industry more difficult. Homebuilding metrics excluding land charges, as well as interest amortized to cost of sales, and other similar presentations prepared by analysts and other companies are frequently used to assist investors in understanding and comparing the operating characteristics of homebuilding activities by eliminating many of the differences in companies’ respective levels of impairments and debt.

(Dollars in thousands)	Three Months Ended January 31,	
	2025	2024
Sale of homes	\$ 646,914	\$ 573,636
Cost of sales, excluding interest expense and land charges	528,745	448,448
Homebuilding gross margin, before cost of sales interest expense and land charges	118,169	125,188
Cost of sales interest expense, excluding land sales interest expense	18,738	19,898
Homebuilding gross margin, after cost of sales interest expense, before land charges	99,431	105,290
Land charges	1,040	302
Homebuilding gross margin	\$ 98,391	\$ 104,988
Homebuilding gross margin percentage	15.2%	18.3%
Homebuilding gross margin percentage, before cost of sales interest expense and land charges	18.3%	21.8%
Homebuilding gross margin percentage, after cost of sales interest expense, before land charges	15.4%	18.4%

Cost of sales as a percentage of consolidated home sales revenues are presented below:

	Three Months Ended January 31,	
	2025	2024
Sale of homes	100.0%	100.0%
Cost of sales, excluding interest expense and land charges:		
Housing, land and development costs	71.2%	67.9%
Commissions	3.1%	3.4%
Financing concessions	3.2%	2.5%
Overheads	4.2%	4.4%
Total cost of sales, excluding interest expense and land charges	81.7%	78.2%
Cost of sales interest	2.9%	3.4%
Land charges	0.2%	0.1%
Homebuilding gross margin percentage	15.2%	18.3%
Homebuilding gross margin percentage, before cost of sales interest expense and land charges	18.3%	21.8%
Homebuilding gross margin percentage, after cost of sales interest expense, before land charges	15.4%	18.4%

We sell a variety of home types in various communities, each yielding a different gross margin. As a result, depending on the mix of communities delivering homes, consolidated gross margin may fluctuate up or down. Total homebuilding gross margin percentage decreased to 15.2% for the three months ended January 31, 2025, compared to 18.3% for the prior year period. Total homebuilding gross margin percentage, before cost of sales interest expense and land charges decreased to 18.3% for the three months ended January 31, 2025, compared to 21.8% for the three months ended January 31, 2024. The decrease in gross margin percentage for the three months ended January 31, 2025 was primarily due to increased use of incentives and concessions, including additional mortgage interest rate buydowns, to make our homes more affordable.

Land and lot sale expenses and gross margins are set forth below:

(In thousands)	Three Months Ended January 31,	
	2025	2024
Land and lot sales	\$ 6,826	\$ 1,340
Cost of sales, excluding interest	4,545	765
Land and lot sales gross margin, excluding interest	2,281	575
Land and lot sales interest expense	618	-
Land and lot sales gross margin, including interest	\$ 1,663	\$ 575

Land sales are ancillary to our homebuilding operations and are expected to continue in the future but may fluctuate significantly.

Homebuilding: Inventory Impairments and Land Option Write-Offs

Inventory impairments and land option write-offs reflects certain inventories we have either written off or written down to their estimated fair value totaling \$1.0 million and \$0.3 million in expense for the three months ended January 31, 2025 and 2024, respectively. There were no inventory impairments during either of the three months ended January 31, 2025 and 2024. We wrote-off residential land option, approval and engineering costs across each of our segments during the first quarter of fiscal 2025, and in our Northeast and Southeast segments during the first quarter of fiscal 2024.

Homebuilding: Selling, General and Administrative

Homebuilding selling, general and administrative (“SGA”) expenses increased \$5.3 million to \$54.3 million for the three months ended January 31, 2025 compared to the same period in the prior year. The increase for the three months ended January 31, 2025 compared to the same period in the prior year was primarily due to an increase in selling overhead from higher advertising costs and an increase in total compensation expense as a result of an increase in headcount and bonuses related to improved overall market conditions and specific company performance.

Homebuilding: Key Performance Indicators*Net Contracts Per Active Selling Community*

Net contracts per active selling community for both the three months ended January 31, 2025 and 2024 were 9.6, while our community count increased from 118 at January 31, 2024 to 125 at January 31, 2025.

Contract Cancellation Rates

The following table provides historical quarterly cancellation rates, which represents the number of cancelled contracts in the quarter divided by the number of gross sales contracts executed in the quarter, excluding unconsolidated joint ventures:

Quarter	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
First	16%	14%	30%	14%	17%
Second		14%	18%	17%	16%
Third		17%	16%	27%	16%
Fourth		18%	25%	41%	15%

The following table provides quarterly contract cancellations as a percentage of the beginning backlog, excluding unconsolidated joint ventures:

Quarter	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
First	14%	10%	16%	8%	11%
Second		13%	16%	9%	9%
Third		12%	12%	8%	6%
Fourth		15%	13%	13%	6%

Most cancellations occur within the legal rescission period, which varies by state but is generally less than two weeks after the signing of the contract. Cancellations also occur as a result of a buyer's failure to qualify for a mortgage, which generally occurs during the first few weeks after signing. Due to our solid backlog position, our cancellation rate as a percentage of beginning backlog for the first quarter of fiscal 2025 was 14%, which approximates our historical normal rate. When sales pace is increasing, the cancellation rate as a percentage of beginning backlog tends to lag the changes seen in our cancellation rate as a percentage of gross sales. Market conditions, although improving, still remain uncertain and it is difficult to predict what cancellation rates will be in the future.

Contract Backlog

Our consolidated sales contracts and homes in contract backlog, excluding unconsolidated joint ventures, by segment is set forth below:

(Dollars in thousands)	Net Contracts for the Three Months Ended January 31,		Contract Backlog as of January 31,	
	2025	2024	2025	2024
Northeast:				
Dollars	\$ 251,636	\$ 248,753	\$ 501,469	\$ 478,864
Number of homes	440	383	777	668
Southeast:				
Dollars	\$ 76,099	\$ 68,671	\$ 146,636	\$ 267,294
Number of homes	136	110	251	530
West (1):				
Dollars	\$ 315,532	\$ 306,928	\$ 283,816	\$ 365,172
Number of homes	629	634	570	690
Total (1):				
Dollars	\$ 643,267	\$ 624,352	\$ 931,921	\$ 1,111,330
Number of homes	1,205	1,127	1,598	1,888

(1) Reflects the reclassification of eight consolidated homes and \$5.0 million of contract backlog as of January 31, 2025, from the West segment to an unconsolidated joint venture. This is related to the assets and liabilities contributed to the joint venture we entered into during the three months ended January 31, 2025.

Contract backlog dollars decreased 16.1% as of January 31, 2025 compared to January 31, 2024, and the number of homes in backlog decreased 15.4% for the same period. The decrease in contract backlog dollars and number of homes as of January 31, 2025 compared to January 31, 2024, was primarily driven by an increase in sales of QMI homes and improved contract backlog conversion.

Homebuilding: Operations by Segment

Financial information relating to our homebuilding operations by segment was as follows:

(Dollars in thousands, except average sales price)	Three Months Ended January 31,			
	2025	2024	Variance	Variance %
Northeast				
Homebuilding revenue	\$ 283,748	\$ 191,440	\$ 92,308	48.2%
Income before income taxes	\$ 39,791	\$ 35,909	\$ 3,882	10.8%
Homes delivered	445	332	113	34.0%
Average sales price	\$ 632,917	\$ 572,256	\$ 60,661	10.6%
Southeast				
Homebuilding revenue	\$ 51,602	\$ 106,010	\$ (54,408)	(51.3)%
Income before income taxes	\$ 9,721	\$ 14,875	\$ (5,154)	(34.6)%
Homes delivered	124	195	(71)	(36.4)%
Average sales price	\$ 414,814	\$ 541,682	\$ (126,868)	(23.4)%
West				
Homebuilding revenue	\$ 319,954	\$ 278,457	\$ 41,497	14.9%
Income before income taxes	\$ 2,621	\$ 20,592	\$ (17,971)	(87.3)%
Homes delivered	685	536	149	27.8%
Average sales price	\$ 458,145	\$ 518,692	\$ (60,547)	(11.7)%

Homebuilding Results by Segment

Northeast - Homebuilding revenue increased 48.2% for the three months ended January 31, 2025 compared to the same period in the prior year. The increase for the three months ended January 31, 2025 was attributed to a 34.0% increase in homes delivered and a 10.6% increase in average sales price. The increase in average sales price was the result of new communities delivering higher priced, larger single family homes, townhomes and condos in higher-end submarkets of the segment for the three months ended January 31, 2025 compared to some communities delivering lower priced, smaller single family homes and townhomes in lower-end submarkets of the segment in the three months ended January 31, 2024, which were no longer delivering in the current year.

Income before income taxes increased \$3.9 million to \$39.8 million for the three months ended January 31, 2025 as compared to the same period in the prior year. This was primarily due to the increase in homebuilding revenue discussed above, while gross margin percentage was relatively flat.

Southeast - Homebuilding revenue decreased 51.3% for the three months ended January 31, 2025 compared to the same period in the prior year. The decrease was due to a 36.4% decrease in homes delivered and a 23.4% decrease in average sales price. The decrease in average sales price was the result of new communities delivering lower priced, smaller single family homes in lower-end submarkets of the segment for the three months ended January 31, 2025 compared to some communities delivering higher priced, larger single family homes and townhomes in mid to higher-end submarkets of the segment in the three months ended January 31, 2024, which were no longer delivering in the current year.

Income before income taxes decreased \$5.2 million to \$9.7 million for the three months ended January 31, 2025 compared to the same period in the prior year. This was primarily due to the decrease in homebuilding revenue discussed above and a significant decrease in gross margin percentage.

West - Homebuilding revenue increased 14.9% for the three months ended January 31, 2025 compared to the same period in the prior year. The increase was due to a \$5.7 million increase in land sales and other revenue and a 27.8% increase in homes delivered, while average sales price decreased by 11.7%. The decrease in average sales price was the result of new communities delivering lower priced, smaller single family homes in lower-end submarkets of the segment for the three months ended January 31, 2025 compared to some communities delivering higher priced, larger single family homes in higher-end submarkets of the segment in the three months ended January 31, 2024, which were no longer delivering in the current year.

Income before income taxes decreased \$18.0 million to \$2.6 million for the three months ended January 31, 2025 compared to the same period in the prior year. This was primarily due to a \$4.4 million increase in SGA and a decrease in gross margin percentage.

Financial Services

Financial services consists primarily of originating mortgages from our home buyers, selling such mortgages in the secondary market, and title insurance activities. We use mandatory investor commitments and forward sales of mortgage-backed securities (“MBS”) to hedge our mortgage-related interest rate exposure on agency and government loans. For the three months ended January 31, 2025 and 2024, Federal Housing Administration and Veterans Administration (“FHA/VA”) loans represented 41.1% and 32.5%, respectively, of our total loans. For the three months ended January 31, 2025 compared to the same period in the prior year, our conforming conventional loan originations as a percentage of our total loans decreased from 67.4% to 58.4%. The origination of loans which exceed conforming conventions increased from 0.1% to 0.5% for the three months ended January 31, 2025 compared to the same period in the prior year.

During the three months ended January 31, 2025 and 2024, financial services provided \$3.5 million and \$3.8 million of income before income taxes, respectively. The decrease in financial services income before income taxes for the three months ended January 31, 2025 compared to the same period in the prior year was primarily due to a decrease in the basis point spread between the loans originated and the implied rate from our sale of the loans and an increase in commission and total compensation expenses due to the increase in the volume of loans closed during the period. In the markets served by our wholly owned mortgage banking subsidiaries, 80.4% and 78.8% of our non-cash homebuyers obtained mortgages originated by these subsidiaries during the three months ended January 31, 2025 and 2024, respectively.

Corporate General and Administrative

Corporate general and administrative expenses include operations at our headquarters in New Jersey. These expenses include payroll, stock compensation, facility costs and rent and other costs associated with our executive offices, legal expenses, information services, human resources, corporate accounting, training, treasury, process redesign, internal audit, national and digital marketing, construction services and administration of insurance, quality and safety. Corporate general and administrative expenses decreased to \$32.7 million for the three months ended January 31, 2025 compared to \$37.1 million for the three months ended January 31, 2024. The decrease was primarily due to lower stock compensation expense compared to the same period in the prior year. During the first quarter of fiscal 2024, we had additional expense related to finalizing the value of phantom stock awards granted under our 2019 long-term incentive plan as a result of an increase to our stock price.

Other Interest

Other interest decreased \$0.9 million to \$9.5 million for the three months ended January 31, 2025 compared to the same period in the prior year. Our assets that qualify for interest capitalization (inventory under development) exceeded our debt during the first quarter of fiscal 2025, therefore, all of the related interest incurred during the period qualified for interest capitalization instead of being directly expensed.

Income from Unconsolidated Joint Ventures

Income from unconsolidated joint ventures consists of our share of the earnings or losses of our unconsolidated joint ventures. Income from unconsolidated joint ventures decreased \$5.7 million to \$9.2 million for the three months ended January 31, 2025. The decrease for the three months ended January 31, 2025 compared to the same period of the prior year was primarily due to a decrease in joint venture deliveries and the recognition of income in the first quarter of the prior year period from a joint venture that was subsequently consolidated in fiscal 2024.

Income Taxes

For the three months ended January 31, 2025 and 2024, we recorded income tax expense of \$11.7 million and \$8.7 million, respectively. In both the current and prior year periods, the expense was primarily driven by federal and state tax expense on income before income taxes and permanent differences, partially offset by the generation of energy home credits. The federal tax expense is not paid in cash as it is offset by the use of our existing NOL carryforwards.

Capital Resources and Liquidity

Overview

Our total liquidity at January 31, 2025 was \$222.4 million, including \$94.3 million in homebuilding cash and cash equivalents and \$125.0 million of borrowing capacity under our senior secured revolving credit facility. We believe that our cash on hand together with available borrowings on our senior secured revolving credit facility will be sufficient for at least the next 12 months to finance our working capital requirements.

We have historically funded our homebuilding and financial services operations with cash flows from operating activities, borrowings under our credit facilities, the issuance of new debt and equity securities, and other financing activities. We may not be able to obtain desired financing even if market conditions, including then-current market available interest rates (in recent years, we have not been able to access the traditional capital and bank lending markets at competitive interest rates due to our highly leveraged capital structure), would otherwise be favorable, which could impact our ability to grow our business.

Operating, Investing and Financing Cash Flow Activities

We spent \$247.6 million on land and land development during the first quarter of fiscal 2025. After land and land development spending and all other operating activities, including revenue received from deliveries, cash used in operations was \$55.9 million. During the first quarter of fiscal 2025, cash used in investing activities was \$25.0 million, primarily due to a new joint venture entered into during the first quarter of fiscal 2025, along with spending on capitalized software, partially offset by distributions of capital from existing unconsolidated joint ventures. Cash used in financing activities was \$41.6 million during the first quarter of fiscal 2025, primarily due to net payments for our mortgage warehouse lines of credit, net payments for nonrecourse mortgage financings, treasury stock purchases and payments of preferred dividends, partially offset by net proceeds for land banking financings and model sale leaseback financings. We intend to continue to use nonrecourse mortgages, model sale leasebacks, joint ventures, and, subject to covenant restrictions in our debt instruments, land banking programs as our business needs dictate.

Our cash uses during the three months ended January 31, 2025 and 2024 were for operating expenses, land purchases, land deposits, land development, construction spending, investments in unconsolidated joint ventures, land banking transactions, state income taxes, debt reductions, interest payments, preferred dividends, treasury stock purchases and litigation matters. During these periods, we provided for our cash requirements from available cash on hand, housing and land sales, nonrecourse mortgage transactions, income from unconsolidated joint ventures, financial service revenues and other revenues.

Our net income historically does not approximate cash flow from operating activities. The difference between net income and cash flow from operating activities is primarily caused by changes in inventory levels together with changes in receivables, prepaid expenses and other assets, mortgage loans held for sale, accrued interest, deferred income taxes, accounts payable and other liabilities, and noncash charges relating to depreciation, stock compensation and impairments. When we are expanding our operations, inventory levels, prepaid expenses and other assets increase causing cash flow from operating activities to decrease. Certain liabilities also increase as operations expand and partially offset the negative effect on cash flow from operations caused by the increase in inventory, prepaid expenses and other assets. Similarly, as our mortgage operations expand, net income from these operations increases, but for cash flow purposes, net income is partially offset by the net change in mortgage assets and liabilities. The opposite is true as our investment in new land purchases and development of new communities decrease, causing us to generate positive cash flow from operations.

Debt Transactions

Senior notes and credit facilities balances as of January 31, 2025 and October 31, 2024, were as follows:

(In thousands)	January 31, 2025	October 31, 2024
Senior Secured Notes	\$ 655,000	\$ 655,000
Senior Notes	51,556	51,556
Senior Secured 1.75 Lien Term Loan Credit Facility due January 31, 2028	175,000	175,000
Senior Secured Revolving Credit Facility (1)	-	-
Less: Net (discounts), premiums and unamortized debt issuance costs	12,150	14,662
Total senior notes and credit facilities, net of discounts, premiums and unamortized debt issuance costs	\$ 893,706	\$ 896,218

(1) At January 31, 2025, provides for up to \$125.0 million in aggregate amount of senior secured first lien revolving loans. The revolving loans thereunder have a maturity of June 30, 2026 and borrowings bear interest, at K. Hovnanian's option, at either (i) a term secured overnight financing rate (subject to a floor of 3.00%) plus an applicable margin of 4.50% or (ii) an alternate base rate (subject to a floor of 4.00%) plus an applicable margin of 3.50%. In addition, K. Hovnanian will pay an unused commitment fee on the undrawn revolving commitments at a rate of 1.00% per annum.

Except for K. Hovnanian, the issuer of the notes and borrower under the credit agreements governing our term loans and revolving credit facilities (collectively, the "Credit Facilities"), our home mortgage subsidiaries, certain of our title insurance subsidiaries, joint ventures and subsidiaries holding interests in our joint ventures, we and each of our subsidiaries are guarantors of the Credit Facilities, the senior secured notes and senior notes outstanding at January 31, 2025 (collectively, the "Notes Guarantors").

The credit agreements governing the Credit Facilities and the indentures governing the senior secured and senior notes (together with the Credit Facilities, the "Debt Instruments") outstanding at January 31, 2025 do not contain any financial maintenance covenants, but do contain restrictive covenants that limit, among other things, the ability of HEI and certain of its subsidiaries, including K. Hovnanian, to incur (including through exchange or certain other types of transactions) indebtedness, pay dividends and make distributions on common and preferred stock, repay/repurchase certain indebtedness prior to its respective stated maturity, repurchase common and preferred stock, make other restricted payments (including investments), sell certain assets (including in certain land banking transactions), incur liens, consolidate, merge, sell or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all of their assets and enter into certain transactions with affiliates. The Debt Instruments also contain customary events of default which would permit the lenders or holders thereof to exercise remedies with respect to the collateral (as applicable), declare the loans (the "Secured Term Loans") made under the Senior Secured 1.75 Lien Term Loan Credit Facility due January 31, 2028, and loans (the "Secured Revolving Loans") made under the Senior Secured Revolving Credit Agreement due June 30, 2026, or notes to be immediately due and payable if not cured within applicable grace periods, including the failure to make timely payments on the Secured Term Loans, Secured Revolving Loans or notes or other material indebtedness, cross default to other material indebtedness, the failure to comply with agreements and covenants and specified events of bankruptcy and insolvency, with respect to the Secured Term Loans and Secured Revolving Loans, material inaccuracy of representations and warranties and with respect to the Secured Term Loans and Secured Revolving Loans, a change of control, and, with respect to the Secured Term Loans, Secured Revolving Loans and senior secured notes, the failure of the documents granting security for the obligations under the secured Debt Instruments to be in full force and effect, and the failure of the liens on any material portion of the collateral securing the obligations under the secured Debt Instruments to be valid and perfected. As of January 31, 2025, we believe we were in compliance with the covenants of the Debt Instruments.

Under the terms of our Debt Instruments, we have the right to make certain redemptions and prepayments and, depending on market conditions, our strategic priorities and covenant restrictions, may do so from time to time. We also continue to actively analyze and evaluate our capital structure and explore transactions to simplify our capital structure and to strengthen our balance sheet, including those that reduce leverage, interest rates and/or extend maturities, and will seek to do so with the right opportunity. We may also continue to make debt or equity purchases and/or exchanges from time to time through tender offers, exchange offers, redemptions, open market purchases, private transactions, or otherwise, or seek to raise additional debt or equity capital, depending on market conditions and covenant restrictions.

Any liquidity-enhancing or other capital raising or refinancing transaction will depend on identifying counterparties, negotiation of documentation and applicable closing conditions and any required approvals. Due to covenant restrictions in our Debt Instruments, we are currently limited in the amount of debt we can incur, even if market conditions, including then-current market available interest rates (in recent years, we have not been able to access the traditional capital and bank lending markets at competitive interest rates due to our highly leveraged capital structure), would otherwise be favorable, which could also impact our ability to grow our business.

See Note 12 to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements included elsewhere in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for a further discussion of K. Hovnanian's Credit Facilities, senior secured notes and senior notes, including information with respect to the collateral securing our secured Debt Instruments.

Mortgages and Notes Payable

We had nonrecourse mortgage loans for certain communities totaling \$87.6 million and \$90.7 million, net of debt issuance costs, at January 31, 2025 and October 31, 2024, respectively, which are secured by the related real property, including any improvements, with an aggregate book value of \$219.4 million and \$249.7 million, respectively. The weighted-average interest rate on these obligations was 8.2% and 8.7% at January 31, 2025 and October 31, 2024, respectively, and the mortgage loan payments on each community primarily correspond to home deliveries.

Our wholly owned mortgage banking subsidiary, K. Hovnanian Mortgage, originates mortgage loans primarily from the sale of our homes. Such mortgage loans and related servicing rights are sold in the secondary mortgage market within a short period of time. K. Hovnanian Mortgage finances the origination of mortgage loans through various master repurchase agreements, which are recorded in "Financial services" liabilities on the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets. The loans are secured by the mortgages held for sale and are repaid when we sell the underlying mortgage loans to permanent investors. As of January 31, 2025 and October 31, 2024, we had an aggregate of \$98.6 million and \$131.4 million, respectively, outstanding under several of K. Hovnanian Mortgage's short-term borrowing facilities.

See Note 11 to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements included elsewhere in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for a further discussion of these agreements

Equity

On September 1, 2022, our Board of Directors (the "Board") authorized a repurchase program for up to \$50.0 million of our Class A common stock. Under the program, repurchases may be made from time to time in open market transactions, in privately negotiated transactions or otherwise. As of October 31, 2024, \$6.5 million of our Class A common stock was available to be purchased under the stock repurchase program. On December 18, 2024, our Board of Directors authorized an incremental increase to our repurchase program. Under the repurchase program, as increased by the Board of Directors, inclusive of any amounts remaining under the existing repurchase authorization initially authorized by the Board of Directors on September 1, 2022, we are authorized to repurchase up to \$26.5 million of our Class A common stock. The timing and the actual dollar amount repurchased will depend on a variety of factors, including legal requirements, price, future tax implications and economic and market conditions. The repurchase program may be changed, suspended or discontinued at any time and does not have a specified expiration date.

During the three months ended January 31, 2025, we repurchased 131,460 shares under the stock repurchase program, with a market value of \$17.9 million, or \$135.95 per share. There were no shares repurchased during the three months ended January 31, 2024. As of January 31, 2025, \$8.6 million of our Class A common stock is available to be purchased under the stock repurchase program.

On July 12, 2005, we issued 5,600 shares of 7.625% Series A preferred stock, with a liquidation preference of \$25,000 per share. Dividends on the Series A preferred stock are not cumulative and are payable at an annual rate of 7.625%. The Series A preferred stock is not convertible into the Company's common stock and is redeemable in whole or in part at our option at the liquidation preference of the shares. The Series A preferred stock is traded as depository shares, with each depository share representing 1/1000th of a share of Series A preferred stock. We paid dividends of \$2.7 million on the Series A preferred stock for each of the three months ended January 31, 2025 and 2024, respectively.

Unconsolidated Joint Ventures

We have investments in unconsolidated joint ventures in various markets where our homebuilding operations are located. Investments in and advances to unconsolidated joint ventures increased \$29.8 million to \$172.7 million at January 31, 2025 compared to October 31, 2024. The increase was primarily due a new joint venture entered into during the first quarter of fiscal 2025, along with increases in our share of income recognized for two of our existing unconsolidated joint ventures during the period, partially offset by an increase in our share of loss recognized for one of our existing unconsolidated joint ventures, and partner distributions. As of January 31, 2025 and October 31, 2024, we had investments in seven and six unconsolidated homebuilding joint ventures, respectively. We have no guarantees associated with our unconsolidated joint ventures, other than guarantees limited to performance and completion of development activities, environmental indemnification and standard warranty and representation against fraud, misrepresentation and similar actions, including a voluntary bankruptcy.

Inventories

Total inventory, excluding consolidated inventory not owned, decreased \$4.2 million to \$1.4 billion at January 31, 2025 compared to October 31, 2024. Total inventory, excluding consolidated inventory not owned, decreased by \$14.9 million in the Northeast and \$25.6 million in the West, partially offset by an increase of \$36.3 million in the Southeast. The net decrease was primarily attributable to home deliveries, along with inventory contributed to a new unconsolidated joint venture, partially offset by new land purchases and land development during the period. In the last few years, we have been able to acquire new land parcels at prices that we believe will generate reasonable returns under current homebuilding market conditions. This trend may not continue in either the near or the long term. Substantially all homes under construction or completed and included in inventory at January 31, 2025 are expected to be delivered during the next six to nine months.

Consolidated inventory not owned, which consists of options related to land banking and model financing, increased \$25.9 million from October 31, 2024 to January 31, 2025. The increase was primarily due to increases in land banking transactions, along with an increase in the sale and leaseback of certain model homes during the period. We have land banking arrangements, whereby we sell land parcels to land bankers and they provide us with an option to purchase finished lots on a predetermined schedule. Because of our options to repurchase these parcels, these transactions are considered a financing rather than a sale. Our Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet, at January 31, 2025, included inventory of \$176.7 million recorded to "Consolidated inventory not owned," with a corresponding amount of \$94.9 million (net of debt issuance costs) recorded to "Liabilities from inventory not owned" for the amount of net cash received from the transactions. In addition, we sell and lease back certain of our model homes with the right to participate in the potential profit when each home is sold to a third-party at the end of the respective lease. As a result of our continued involvement and the ability to repurchase model homes with below market options, these sale and leaseback transactions are considered a financing rather than a sale. Therefore, our Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet, at January 31, 2025, included inventory of \$60.2 million recorded to "Consolidated inventory not owned," with a corresponding amount of \$61.4 million (net of debt issuance costs) recorded to "Liabilities from inventory not owned" for the amount of net cash received from sale and leaseback transactions.

The following tables summarize home sites included in our total residential real estate. The increase in total home sites available at January 31, 2025 compared to October 31, 2024 is attributable to acquiring new land parcels during the period, partially offset by delivering homes and terminating certain option agreements.

	Active Selling Communities(1)	Active Selling Communities Homes	Proposed Developable Homes	Total Homes
January 31, 2025:				
Northeast	43	4,782	14,980	19,762
Southeast	15	1,663	6,380	8,043
West	67	5,765	9,688	15,453
Consolidated total	125	12,210	31,048	43,258
Unconsolidated joint ventures (2)				
Owned		4,736	2,008	6,744
Optioned		7,470	29,040	36,510
Construction to permanent financing lots		4	-	4
Consolidated total		12,210	31,048	43,258
October 31, 2024:				
Northeast	49	4,804	14,776	19,580
Southeast	16	1,537	5,624	7,161
West	65	6,005	9,149	15,154
Consolidated total	130	12,346	29,549	41,895
Unconsolidated joint ventures (2)				
Owned		5,311	1,321	6,632
Optioned		7,031	28,228	35,259
Construction to permanent financing lots		4	-	4
Consolidated total		12,346	29,549	41,895

(1) Active selling communities are open for sale communities with ten or more home sites available. We identify communities based on product type. Therefore, at times there are multiple communities at one land site.

(2) Represents active selling communities and home sites for our unconsolidated homebuilding joint ventures for the period. We provide this data as a supplement to our consolidated results as an indicator of the volume managed in our unconsolidated joint ventures. See Note 18 to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements for a further discussion of our unconsolidated joint ventures.

The following table summarizes our started or completed unsold homes and models, excluding unconsolidated joint ventures, in active selling communities and substantially completed communities.

	January 31, 2025			October 31, 2024		
	Unsold Homes	Models	Total	Unsold Homes	Models	Total
Northeast	286	26	312	259	35	294
Southeast	149	16	165	135	19	154
West	728	21	749	627	31	658
Total	1,163	63	1,226	1,021	85	1,106
Started or completed unsold homes and models per active selling communities (1)	9.3	0.5	9.8	7.9	0.6	8.5

(1) Active selling communities (which are communities that are open for sale with ten or more home sites available) were 125 at January 31, 2025 and 130 at October 31, 2024. This ratio does not include substantially completed communities, which are communities with less than ten home sites available.

Financial Services Assets and Liabilities

Financial services assets decreased \$40.6 million to \$163.0 million at January 31, 2025, compared to October 31, 2024. Financial services assets consist primarily of residential mortgage receivables held for sale of which \$114.5 million and \$147.2 million at January 31, 2025 and October 31, 2024, respectively, were being temporarily warehoused and are awaiting sale in the secondary mortgage market. The decrease in mortgage loans held for sale from October 31, 2024 was primarily related to a decrease in the volume of loans originated during the first quarter of fiscal 2025 compared to the fourth quarter of fiscal 2024, partially offset by an increase in the average loan value.

Financial services liabilities decreased \$40.8 million to \$142.3 million at January 31, 2025 compared to October 31, 2024. The decrease was primarily due to a decrease in amounts outstanding under our mortgage warehouse lines of credit and directly correlates to the decrease in the volume of mortgage loans held for sale during the period.

Inflation

The annual rate of inflation in the United States was 3.0% in January 2025, as measured by the Consumer Price Index, which is slightly higher than October 2024, but much improved from its peak of 9.1% in June 2022. Inflation has a long-term effect, because higher costs for land, materials and labor results in increasing sales prices of our homes. Historically, these price increases have been commensurate with the general rate of inflation in our housing markets and have not had a significant adverse effect on the sale of our homes. A significant risk faced by the housing industry generally is that rising house construction costs, including land and interest costs, could substantially outpace increases in the income of potential purchasers and therefore limit our ability to raise home sale prices, which may result in lower gross margins.

Inflation has a lesser short-term effect, because we generally negotiate fixed-price contracts with many, but not all, of our subcontractors and material suppliers for the construction of our homes. These prices usually are applicable for a specified number of residential buildings or for a time period of between three to 12 months. Construction costs for residential buildings represented approximately 50.2% of our homebuilding cost of sales for the three months ended January 31, 2025.

Critical Accounting Policies

As disclosed in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2024, our most critical accounting policies relate to inventories, unconsolidated joint ventures, warranty and construction defect reserves and income taxes. Since October 31, 2024, there have been no significant changes to those critical accounting policies.

Safe Harbor Statement

All statements in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q that are not historical facts should be considered as “Forward-Looking Statements” within the meaning of the “Safe Harbor” provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause actual results, performance or achievements of the Company to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements. Such forward-looking statements include but are not limited to statements related to the Company's goals and expectations with respect to its financial results for future financial periods. Although we believe that our plans, intentions and expectations reflected in, or suggested by, such forward-looking statements are reasonable, we can give no assurance that such plans, intentions or expectations will be achieved. By their nature, forward-looking statements: (i) speak only as of the date they are made, (ii) are not guarantees of future performance or results and (iii) are subject to risks, uncertainties and assumptions that are difficult to predict or quantify. Therefore, actual results could differ materially and adversely from those forward-looking statements as a result of a variety of factors. Such risks, uncertainties and other factors include, but are not limited to:

- Changes in general and local economic, industry and business conditions and impacts of a significant homebuilding downturn;
- Shortages in, and price fluctuations of, raw materials and labor, including due to geopolitical events, changes in trade policies, including the imposition of tariffs and duties on homebuilding materials and products, and related trade disputes with, and retaliatory measures taken by other countries, and because of changes in immigration laws and trends in labor migration;
- Fluctuations in interest rates and the availability of mortgage financing, including as a result of instability in the banking sector;
- Increases in inflation;
- Adverse weather and other environmental conditions and natural disasters;
- The seasonality of the Company's business;
- The availability and cost of suitable land and improved lots and sufficient liquidity to invest in such land and lots;
- Reliance on, and the performance of, subcontractors;
- Regional and local economic factors, including dependency on certain sectors of the economy, and employment levels affecting home prices and sales activity in the markets where the Company builds homes;
- Increases in cancellations of agreements of sale;
- Changes in tax laws affecting the after-tax costs of owning a home;
- Legal claims brought against us and not resolved in our favor, such as product liability litigation, warranty claims and claims made by mortgage investors;
- Levels of competition;
- Utility shortages and outages or rate fluctuations;
- Information technology failures and data security breaches;
- Negative publicity;
- Global economic and political instability;
- High leverage and restrictions on the Company's operations and activities imposed by the agreements governing the Company's outstanding indebtedness;
- Availability and terms of financing to the Company;
- The Company's sources of liquidity;
- Changes in credit ratings;
- Government regulation, including regulations concerning development of land, the home building, sales and customer financing processes, tax laws and the environment;
- Potential liability as a result of the past or present use of hazardous materials;
- Operations through unconsolidated joint ventures with third parties;
- Significant influence of the Company's controlling stockholders;
- Availability of net operating loss carryforwards; and
- Loss of key management personnel or failure to attract qualified personnel.

Certain risks, uncertainties and other factors are described in detail in Part I, Item 1 "Business" and Part I, Item 1A "Risk Factors" in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2024. Except as otherwise required by applicable securities laws, we undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events, changed circumstances or any other reason after the date of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

Item 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

Substantially all of our long-term debt requires fixed interest payments and we have limited exposure to variable rates. In connection with our mortgage operations, mortgage loans held for sale and the associated mortgage warehouse lines of credit under our Master Repurchase Agreements are subject to interest rate risk; however, such obligations reprice frequently and are short-term in duration. In addition, we are able to hedge the interest rate risk on mortgage loans by obtaining forward commitments from private investors. Accordingly, the interest rate risk from mortgage loans is not significant. We do not use financial instruments to hedge interest rate risk except with respect to mortgage loans. The following table sets forth as of January 31, 2025, our long-term debt obligations, principal cash flows by scheduled maturity, weighted-average interest rates and estimated fair value ("FV").

Long-Term Debt as of January 31, 2025 by Fiscal Year of Maturity Date									FV at
(Dollars in thousands)	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	Thereafter	Total		1/31/2025
Long term debt(1):									
Fixed rate	\$ -	\$ 26,588	\$ -	\$ 400,000	\$ 430,000	\$ 24,968	\$ 881,556		\$ 926,998
Weighted average interest rate	-%	13.50%	-%	8.88%	11.75%	5.00%	10.31%		

(1) Does not include:

- the mortgage warehouse lines of credit made under our Master Repurchase Agreements;
- \$87.6 million of nonrecourse mortgages secured by inventory, which have various maturities spread over the next two to three years and are paid off as homes are delivered; and
- our \$125.0 million Secured Credit Facility under which there were no borrowings outstanding as of January 31, 2025.

Item 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

The Company maintains disclosure controls and procedures that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed in the Company's reports under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms, and that such information is accumulated and communicated to the Company's management, including its Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosures. Any controls and procedures, no matter how well designed and operated, can provide only reasonable assurance of achieving the desired control objectives. The Company's management, with the participation of the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, has evaluated the effectiveness of the design and operation of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures as of January 31, 2025. Based upon that evaluation and subject to the foregoing, the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that the design and operation of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures are effective to accomplish their objectives.

There was no change in the Company's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the quarter ended January 31, 2025, that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

PART II. OTHER INFORMATION**Item 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS**

For information with respect to our legal proceedings, see Note 7 to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements in Part I, Item 1 of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

Item 2. UNREGISTERED SALES OF EQUITY SECURITIES AND USE OF PROCEEDS.**Recent Sales of Unregistered Equity Securities**

None.

Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities

On September 1, 2022, the Board authorized a repurchase program for up to \$50.0 million of our Class A common stock. As of October 31, 2024, \$6.5 million of our Class A common stock was available to be purchased under the stock repurchase program. On December 18, 2024, the Board authorized an incremental increase to our repurchase program. Under the repurchase program, as increased by the Board, inclusive of any amounts remaining under the existing repurchase authorization initially authorized by the Board on September 1, 2022, we are authorized to repurchase up to \$26.5 million of our Class A common stock. Under the program, repurchases may be made from time to time in open market transactions, in privately negotiated transactions or otherwise. The timing and the actual dollar amount repurchased will depend on a variety of factors, including legal requirements, price, future tax implications and economic and market conditions. The repurchase program may be changed, suspended or discontinued at any time and does not have a specified expiration date. As of January 31, 2025, \$8.6 million of our Class A common stock is available to be purchased under the stock repurchase program.

The following table provides information relating to the company's repurchase of common stock for the first quarter of fiscal 2025.

	Total Number of Shares Purchased	Average Price Paid Per Share	Total Number of Shares Purchased of Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Program	Approximate Dollar Value of Shares that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Program
November 1, 2024 through November 30, 2024	-	-	-	\$6,487,677
December 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024	107,906	\$137.95	107,906	\$11,614,212
January 1, 2025 through January 31, 2025	23,554	\$126.80	23,554	\$8,627,511

Item 5. OTHER INFORMATION

During the three months ended January 31, 2025, no director or officer (as defined in Rule 16a-1(f) of the Exchange Act) of the Company adopted or terminated a "Rule 10b5-1 trading arrangement" or "non-Rule 10b5-1 trading arrangement," as each term is defined in Item 408(a) of Regulation S-K.

Appointment of President

On February 27, 2025, the Company's Board of Directors (the "Board") appointed Alexander Hovnanian to the position of President, effective November 1, 2025. Ara K. Hovnanian, the Company's current Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer, will serve as President through October 31, 2025, and will continue to serve as Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of the Company following the effective date of Mr. Alexander Hovnanian's appointment. Mr. Alexander Hovnanian, 34, has held the position of Executive Vice President, National Homebuilding Operations since March 2020. He joined the Company full-time in 2012 and has held various positions in the Company's homebuilding operations. He attended Harvard Business School from 2014 to 2016, and after obtaining his MBA, he returned to employment with the Company. In November 2017, Mr. Hovnanian was appointed Area President followed by a promotion to Division President of the Northeast Division in December 2018. Mr. Alexander Hovnanian is the son of Mr. Ara Hovnanian and is not a party to any transactions of the type listed in Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K. No determinations have been made at this time with respect to any changes to Mr. Alexander Hovnanian's compensatory arrangements in connection with his appointment to President.

Appointment of Chief Operating Officer

On February 27, 2025, the Company's Board appointed Michael Wyatt to the position of Chief Operating Officer, effective November 1, 2025. Mr. Wyatt, 58, has been Group President of the East Group operations since May 2020. He held the position of Region President of the California Region from June 2019 to May 2020. He joined the Company as Division President of the Northern California Division in September 2015. Prior to joining the Company, Mr. Wyatt spent 16 years with Centex Corporation ("Centex Homes") and six years with the PulteGroup, Inc. ("Pulte Homes"). He held Division President roles in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, Las Vegas, Nevada, and Northern California for Centex Homes. After the merger of Centex Homes and Pulte Homes, Mr. Wyatt continued in the corporate office for Pulte Homes, where he spent six years managing home building operations rising to Senior Vice President of Home Building Operations when he left to join the Company. Mr. Wyatt does not have any family relationships with any of the Company's directors or executive officers and is not a party to any transactions of the type listed in Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K. No determinations have been made at this time with respect to any changes to Mr. Wyatt's compensatory arrangements in connection with his appointment to Chief Operating Officer.

Item 6. EXHIBITS

- 3(a) [Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Registrant \(Incorporated by reference to Exhibits to Current Report on Form 8-K of the Registrant filed on March 29, 2019\).](#)
- 3(b) [Second Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Registrant \(Incorporated by reference to Exhibits to Current Report on Form 8-K of the Registrant filed on March 28, 2023\).](#)
- 4(a) [Specimen Class A Common Stock Certificate \(Incorporated by reference to Exhibits to Current Report on Form 8-K of the Registrant filed on March 29, 2019\).](#)
- 4(b) [Specimen Class B Common Stock Certificate \(Incorporated by reference to Exhibits to Current Report on Form 8-K of the Registrant filed on March 29, 2019\).](#)
- 4(c) [Certificate of Designations, Powers, Preferences and Rights of the 7.625% Series A Preferred Stock of Hovnanian Enterprises, Inc., dated July 12, 2005 \(Incorporated by reference to Exhibits to Current Report on Form 8-K of the Registrant filed on July 13, 2005\).](#)
- 4(d) [Certificate of Designations of the Series B Junior Preferred Stock of Hovnanian Enterprises, Inc., dated August 14, 2008 \(Incorporated by reference to Exhibits to Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of the Registrant for the quarter ended July 31, 2008\).](#)
- 4(e) [Rights Agreement, dated as of August 14, 2008, between Hovnanian Enterprises, Inc. and National City Bank, as Rights Agent, which includes the Form of Certificate of Designation as Exhibit A, Form of Right Certificate as Exhibit B and the Summary of Rights as Exhibit C \(Incorporated by reference to Exhibits to the Registration Statement on Form 8-A of the Registrant filed on August 14, 2008\).](#)
- 4(f) [Amendment No. 1 to Rights Agreement, dated as of January 11, 2018, between Hovnanian Enterprises, Inc. and Computershare Trust Company, N.A. \(as successor to National City Bank\), as Rights Agent, which includes the amended and restated Form of Rights Certificate as Exhibit 1 and the amended and restated Summary of Rights as Exhibit 2 \(Incorporated by reference to Exhibits to Current Report on Form 8-K of the Registrant filed on January 11, 2018\).](#)
- 4(g) [Amendment No. 2 to Rights Agreement, dated as of January 18, 2021, between the Company and Computershare Trust Company, N.A. \(as successor to National City Bank\), as Rights Agent, which includes the amended and restated Form of Rights Certificate as Exhibit 1 and the amended and restated Summary of Rights as Exhibit 2 \(Incorporated by reference to Exhibits to Current Report on Form 8-K of the Registrant filed January 19, 2021\).](#)
- 4(h) [Amendment No. 3 to Rights Agreement, dated as of January 11, 2024, between the Company and Computershare Trust Company, N.A. \(as successor to National City Bank\), as Rights Agent, which includes the amended and restated Form of Rights Certificate as Exhibit 1 and the amended and restated Summary of Rights as Exhibit 2 \(Incorporated by reference to Exhibits to Current Report on Form 8-K of the Registrant filed January 11, 2024\).](#)
- 10(a)* [Form of 2025 Long-Term Incentive Program Award Agreement - Class A.](#)

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- 10(b)* [Form of 2025 Long-Term Incentive Program Award Agreement - Class B.](#)
- 31(a) [Rule 13a-14\(a\)/15d-14\(a\) Certification of Chief Executive Officer.](#)
- 31(b) [Rule 13a-14\(a\)/15d-14\(a\) Certification of Chief Financial Officer.](#)
- 32(a) [Section 1350 Certification of Chief Executive Officer.](#)
- 32(b) [Section 1350 Certification of Chief Financial Officer.](#)
- 101 The following financial information from our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended January 31, 2025, formatted in inline Extensible Business Reporting Language (Inline XBRL): (i) the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets at January 31, 2025 and October 31, 2024, (ii) the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations for the three months ended January 31, 2025 and 2024, (iii) the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Changes in Equity for the three months ended January 31, 2025 and 2024, (iv) the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for the three months ended January 31, 2025 and 2024, and (v) the Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.
- 104 Cover Page from our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the three months ended January 31, 2025, formatted in Inline XBRL (and contained in Exhibit 101).

* Management contracts or compensatory plans or arrangements.

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 thereunto duly authorized.

HOVNANIAN ENTERPRISES, INC.
(Registrant)

DATE: February 28, 2025

/s/ ARA K. HOVNANIAN

Ara K. Hovnanian

Chairman of the Board, Chief Executive Officer and President
(Principal Executive Officer)

DATE: February 28, 2025

/s/ BRAD O'CONNOR

Brad O'Connor

Chief Financial Officer

(Principal Financial Officer and Principal Accounting Officer)

**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO
18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350,
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO
SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

In connection with the Quarterly Report of Hovnanian Enterprises, Inc. (the "Company") on Form 10-Q for the period ended January 31, 2025 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), I, Brad O'Connor, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer of the Company, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that:

1. The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
2. The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

Date: February 28, 2025

/s/ BRAD O'CONNOR

Brad O'Connor

Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO
18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350,
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO
SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

In connection with the Quarterly Report of Hovnanian Enterprises, Inc. (the "Company") on Form 10-Q for the period ended January 31, 2025 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), I, Ara K. Hovnanian, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that:

1. The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
2. The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

Date: February 28, 2025

/s/ ARA K. HOVNANIAN

Ara K. Hovnanian

Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer

2020 HOVNIANIAN ENTERPRISES, INC.
THIRD AMENDED AND RESTATED STOCK INCENTIVE PLAN
2025 LONG-TERM INCENTIVE PROGRAM AWARD AGREEMENT

<i>Participant:</i>			
<i>Date of Grant:</i>	[Date]	<i>Deemed Share Price:</i>	\$XX.XX
<i>Maximum LTIP Award (total):</i>		<i>Target LTIP Award (total):</i>	
<i>Maximum Number of Class A Shares:</i>		<i>Target Number of Class A Shares:</i>	

1. Grant of LTIP Award. For valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, Hovnianian Enterprises, Inc., a Delaware Corporation (the "Company"), hereby grants the Long-Term Incentive Program award opportunity (the "Award") listed above to the Participant, on the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth. This grant is made pursuant to the terms and conditions of the 2020 Company Third Amended and Restated Stock Incentive Plan (the "Plan") and the 2025 Long-Term Incentive Program adopted thereunder (the "LTIP"), which Plan and LTIP, as amended from time to time, are incorporated herein by reference and made a part of this Agreement. The Award represents an unfunded, unsecured right of the Participant to receive Class A Shares ("Shares") on the date(s) specified under the LTIP, subject to the performance and time vesting conditions set forth thereunder. Capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the same meanings as in the Plan or the LTIP, as applicable. A copy of the LTIP is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

2. Amount of Award; Vesting and Timing of Payments. The target amount of the Award listed above represents the amount of Shares that the Participant will be eligible to receive if the performance levels achieved during the Performance Period correspond to a payout level of 100% of target under the terms of the LTIP, assuming the time vesting requirements set forth under the LTIP are also met. The actual amount of Shares payable in respect of the Award may be more or less than the targeted amounts, and the amounts (if any) that become payable under the Award will be paid to the Participant at such times and subject to such performance, time vesting and delivery conditions as set forth under the LTIP.

3. Adjustments Upon Certain Events. Subject to the terms of the Plan and the LTIP, in the event of any change in the outstanding Shares by reason of any Share dividend or split, reorganization, recapitalization, merger, consolidation, amalgamation, spin-off or combination transaction or exchange of Shares or other similar events (collectively, an "Adjustment Event"), the Committee shall, in its sole discretion, make an appropriate and equitable adjustment in the number of Shares subject to this Agreement to reflect such Adjustment Event. Any such adjustment made by the Committee shall be final and binding upon the Participant, the Company and all other interested persons.

4. No Right to Continued Employment. Neither the Plan, the LTIP nor this Agreement shall be construed as giving the Participant the right to be retained in the employ of, or in any consulting relationship to, the Company or any Affiliate. Further, the Company or an Affiliate may at any time dismiss the Participant, free from any liability or any claim under the Plan, the LTIP or this Agreement, except as otherwise expressly provided herein.

5. No Acquired Rights. In participating in the Plan and the LTIP, the Participant acknowledges and accepts that the Board and the Committee have the power to amend or terminate the Plan and the LTIP, to the extent permitted thereunder, at any time and that the opportunity given to the Participant to participate in the Plan and the LTIP is entirely at the discretion of the Committee and does not obligate the Company or any of its Affiliates to offer such participation in the future (whether on the same or different terms). The Participant further acknowledges and accepts that such Participant's participation in the Plan and the LTIP is not to be considered part of any normal or expected compensation and that the termination of the Participant's employment under any circumstances whatsoever will give the Participant no claim or right of action against the Company or its Affiliates in respect of any loss of rights under this Agreement, the Plan or the LTIP that may arise as a result of such termination of employment.

6. No Rights of a Shareholder; Dividend Adjustments.

(a) The Participant shall have no voting, dividend or other rights or privileges as a shareholder of the Company until the Shares in question have been issued or transferred to the Participant.

(b) If on any date while the Award is outstanding hereunder the Company shall pay any dividend on the Shares (other than a dividend payable in Shares), the target number of Shares covered by this Award shall, as of such dividend payment date, be increased by a number of Shares equal to: (a) the product of (x) the target number of Shares previously covered by the Award as of the related dividend record date, multiplied by (y) the per Share amount of any cash dividend (or, in the case of any dividend payable in whole or in part other than in cash, the per Share value of such dividend, as determined in good faith by the Committee), divided by (b) the Fair Market Value of a Share on the payment date of such dividend. In the case of any dividend declared on Shares that is payable in the form of Shares, the target number of Shares granted to the Participant under this Award shall be increased by a number equal to the product of (a) the target number of Shares covered by this Award on the related dividend record date, multiplied by (b) the number of Shares (including any fraction thereof) payable as a dividend on a Share. Any Shares attributable to dividends under this Section 6(b) shall be subject to the performance and service vesting and payment provisions set forth in Exhibit A.

7. Legend on Certificates. Any Shares issued or transferred to the Participant pursuant to this Agreement shall be subject to such stop transfer orders and other restrictions as the Committee may deem advisable under the Plan or the rules, regulations, and other requirements of the Securities and Exchange Commission, any stock exchange upon which such Shares are listed, and any applicable Federal or state laws or relevant securities laws of the jurisdiction of the domicile of the Participant, and the Committee may cause a legend or legends to be put on any certificates representing such Shares to make appropriate reference to such restrictions. Whenever reference in this Agreement is made to the issuance or delivery of certificates representing Shares, the Company may elect to issue or deliver such Shares in book entry form in lieu of certificates.

8. Transferability. This Award may not be assigned, alienated, pledged, attached, sold or otherwise transferred or encumbered by the Participant otherwise than by will or by the laws of descent and distribution, and any purported assignment, alienation, pledge, attachment, sale, transfer or encumbrance not permitted by this Section 8 shall be void and unenforceable against the Company or any Affiliate.

9. Withholding. The Participant may be required to pay to the Company or any Affiliate and the Company or any Affiliate shall have the right and is hereby authorized to withhold from any transfer of Shares due under this Agreement, the LTIP or under the Plan or from any compensation or other amount owing to the Participant, applicable withholding taxes with respect to any transfer under this Agreement, the LTIP or under the Plan and to take such action as may be necessary in the opinion of the Company to satisfy all obligations for the payment of such taxes. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the Participant's employment with the Company terminates prior to the payment or transfer of all of the Shares under this Agreement, the payment of any applicable withholding taxes with respect to any further transfer of Shares under this Award shall be made solely through withholding of Shares otherwise payable under this Agreement in amounts equal to the statutory minimum withholding liability.

10. Non-Solicitation Covenants.

(a) **The Participant acknowledges and agrees that, during the Participant's employment with the Company and its Affiliates and upon the Participant's termination of employment with the Company and its Affiliates for any reason, for a period commencing on the termination of such employment and ending on the second anniversary of such termination, the Participant shall not, whether on Participant's own behalf or on behalf of or in conjunction with any person, company, business entity or other organization whatsoever, directly or indirectly:**

(i) **solicit any employee of the Company or its Affiliates with whom the Participant had any contact during the last two years of the Participant's employment, or who worked in the same business segment or division as the Participant during that period to terminate employment with the Company or its Affiliates;**

(ii) **solicit the employment or services of, or hire, any such employee whose employment with the Company or its Affiliates terminated coincident with, or within twelve (12) months prior to or after the termination of Participant's employment with the Company and its Affiliates;**

(iii) **directly or indirectly, solicit to cease to work with the Company or its Affiliates any consultant then under contract with the Company or its Affiliates.**

(b) It is expressly understood and agreed that although the Participant and the Company consider the restrictions contained in this Section 10 to be reasonable, if a final judicial determination is made by a court of competent jurisdiction that the time or any other restriction contained in this Agreement is an unenforceable restriction against the Participant, the provisions of this Agreement shall not be rendered void but shall be deemed amended to apply as to such maximum time and territory and to such maximum extent as such court may judicially determine or indicate to be enforceable. Alternatively, if any court of competent jurisdiction finds that any restriction contained in this Agreement is unenforceable, and such restriction cannot be amended so as to make it enforceable, such finding shall not affect the enforceability of any of the other restrictions contained herein.

11. **Specific Performance.** The Participant acknowledges and agrees that the Company's remedies at law for a breach or threatened breach of any of the provisions of Section 10 would be inadequate and the Company would suffer irreparable damages as a result of such breach or threatened breach. In recognition of this fact, the Participant agrees that, in the event of such a breach or threatened breach, in addition to any remedies at law, the Company, without posting any bond, shall be entitled to cease making any payments or providing any benefit otherwise required by this Agreement and obtain equitable relief in the form of specific performance, temporary restraining order, temporary or permanent injunction or any other equitable remedy which may then be available.

12. **Choice of Law.** THE INTERPRETATION, PERFORMANCE AND ENFORCEMENT OF THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE GOVERNED BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE WITHOUT REGARD TO PRINCIPLES OF CONFLICTS OF LAW.

13. **Award Subject to Plan and LTIP.** By entering into this Agreement, the Participant agrees and acknowledges that the Participant has received and read a copy of the Plan and the LTIP. The Award is subject to the Plan and the LTIP. In the event of a conflict between any term or provision contained herein and a term or provision of the Plan or LTIP, the applicable terms and provisions of the Plan and LTIP will govern and prevail.

14. **Signature in Counterparts.** This Agreement may be signed in counterparts, each of which shall be an original, with the same effect as if the signatures thereto and hereto were upon the same instrument.

15. **409A.** Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Agreement, the Plan or the LTIP, this Award shall not be deferred, accelerated, extended, paid out or modified in a manner that would result in the imposition of an additional tax under Section 409A of the Code upon the Participant. In the event it is reasonably determined by the Committee that, as a result of Section 409A of the Code, the transfer of Shares under this Agreement may not be made at the time contemplated hereunder without causing the Participant to be subject to taxation under Section 409A of the Code (including due to the Participant's status as a "specified employee" within the meaning of Section 409A of the Code), the Company will make such payment on the first day that would not result in the Participant incurring any tax liability under Section 409A of the Code.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement.

HOVNANIAN ENTERPRISES, INC.

By: _____

PARTICIPANT

By: _____

Exhibit A
2025 Long-Term Incentive Program
[Insert Terms of 2025 Long-Term Incentive Program]

CERTIFICATIONS
Exhibit 31(b)

I, Brad O'Connor, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended January 31, 2025 of Hovnanian Enterprises, Inc. (the "registrant");
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
 - (a) designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - (b) designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - (c) evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - (d) disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - (a) all significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - (b) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: February 28, 2025

/s/ BRAD O'CONNOR

Brad O'Connor

Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

CERTIFICATIONS
Exhibit 31(a)

I, Ara K. Hovnanian, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended January 31, 2025 of Hovnanian Enterprises, Inc. (the “registrant”);
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant’s other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
 - (a) designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - (b) designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - (c) evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant’s disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - (d) disclosed in this report any change in the registrant’s internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant’s most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant’s fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant’s internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant’s other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant’s auditors and the audit committee of the registrant’s board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - (a) all significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant’s ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - (b) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant’s internal control over financial reporting.

Date: February 28, 2025

/s/ ARA K. HOVNANIAN

Ara K. Hovnanian

Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer

2020 HOVNIANIAN ENTERPRISES, INC.
THIRD AMENDED AND RESTATED STOCK INCENTIVE PLAN
2025 LONG-TERM INCENTIVE PROGRAM AWARD AGREEMENT

<i>Participant:</i>			
<i>Date of Grant:</i>	[Date]	<i>Deemed Share Price:</i>	\$XX.XX
<i>Maximum LTIP Award (total):</i>		<i>Target LTIP Award (total):</i>	
<i>Maximum Number of Class B Shares:</i>		<i>Target Number of Class B Shares:</i>	

1. Grant of LTIP Award. For valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, Hovnianian Enterprises, Inc., a Delaware Corporation (the "Company"), hereby grants the Long-Term Incentive Program award opportunity (the "Award") listed above to the Participant, on the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth. This grant is made pursuant to the terms and conditions of the 2020 Company Third Amended and Restated Stock Incentive Plan (the "Plan") and the 2025 Long-Term Incentive Program adopted thereunder (the "LTIP"), which Plan and LTIP, as amended from time to time, are incorporated herein by reference and made a part of this Agreement. The Award represents an unfunded, unsecured right of the Participant to receive Class B Shares ("Shares") on the date(s) specified under the LTIP, subject to the performance and time vesting conditions set forth thereunder. Capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the same meanings as in the Plan or the LTIP, as applicable. A copy of the LTIP is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

2. Amount of Award; Vesting and Timing of Payments. The target amount of the Award listed above represents the amount of Shares that the Participant will be eligible to receive if the performance levels achieved during the Performance Period correspond to a payout level of 100% of target under the terms of the LTIP, assuming the time vesting requirements set forth under the LTIP are also met. The actual amount of Shares payable in respect of the Award may be more or less than the targeted amounts, and the amounts (if any) that become payable under the Award will be paid to the Participant at such times and subject to such performance, time vesting and delivery conditions as set forth under the LTIP.

3. Adjustments Upon Certain Events. Subject to the terms of the Plan and the LTIP, in the event of any change in the outstanding Shares by reason of any Share dividend or split, reorganization, recapitalization, merger, consolidation, amalgamation, spin-off or combination transaction or exchange of Shares or other similar events (collectively, an "Adjustment Event"), the Committee shall, in its sole discretion, make an appropriate and equitable adjustment in the number of Shares subject to this Agreement to reflect such Adjustment Event. Any such adjustment made by the Committee shall be final and binding upon the Participant, the Company and all other interested persons.

4. No Right to Continued Employment. Neither the Plan, the LTIP nor this Agreement shall be construed as giving the Participant the right to be retained in the employ of, or in any consulting relationship to, the Company or any Affiliate. Further, the Company or an Affiliate may at any time dismiss the Participant, free from any liability or any claim under the Plan, the LTIP or this Agreement, except as otherwise expressly provided herein.

5. No Acquired Rights. In participating in the Plan and the LTIP, the Participant acknowledges and accepts that the Board and the Committee have the power to amend or terminate the Plan and the LTIP, to the extent permitted thereunder, at any time and that the opportunity given to the Participant to participate in the Plan and the LTIP is entirely at the discretion of the Committee and does not obligate the Company or any of its Affiliates to offer such participation in the future (whether on the same or different terms). The Participant further acknowledges and accepts that such Participant's participation in the Plan and the LTIP is not to be considered part of any normal or expected compensation and that the termination of the Participant's employment under any circumstances whatsoever will give the Participant no claim or right of action against the Company or its Affiliates in respect of any loss of rights under this Agreement, the Plan or the LTIP that may arise as a result of such termination of employment.

6. No Rights of a Shareholder; Dividend Adjustments.

(a) The Participant shall have no voting, dividend or other rights or privileges as a shareholder of the Company until the Shares in question have been issued or transferred to the Participant.

(b) If on any date while the Award is outstanding hereunder the Company shall pay any dividend on the Shares (other than a dividend payable in Shares), the target number of Shares covered by this Award shall, as of such dividend payment date, be increased by a number of Shares equal to: (a) the product of (x) the target number of Shares previously covered by the Award as of the related dividend record date, multiplied by (y) the per Share amount of any cash dividend (or, in the case of any dividend payable in whole or in part other than in cash, the per Share value of such dividend, as determined in good faith by the Committee), divided by (b) the Fair Market Value of a Share on the payment date of such dividend. In the case of any dividend declared on Shares that is payable in the form of Shares, the target number of Shares granted to the Participant under this Award shall be increased by a number equal to the product of (a) the target number of Shares covered by this Award on the related dividend record date, multiplied by (b) the number of Shares (including any fraction thereof) payable as a dividend on a Share. Any Shares attributable to dividends under this Section 6(b) shall be subject to the performance and service vesting and payment provisions set forth in Exhibit A.

7. Legend on Certificates. Any Shares issued or transferred to the Participant pursuant to this Agreement shall be subject to such stop transfer orders and other restrictions as the Committee may deem advisable under the Plan or the rules, regulations, and other requirements of the Securities and Exchange Commission, any stock exchange upon which such Shares are listed, and any applicable Federal or state laws or relevant securities laws of the jurisdiction of the domicile of the Participant, and the Committee may cause a legend or legends to be put on any certificates representing such Shares to make appropriate reference to such restrictions. Whenever reference in this Agreement is made to the issuance or delivery of certificates representing Shares, the Company may elect to issue or deliver such Shares in book entry form in lieu of certificates.

8. Transferability. This Award may not be assigned, alienated, pledged, attached, sold or otherwise transferred or encumbered by the Participant otherwise than by will or by the laws of descent and distribution, and any purported assignment, alienation, pledge, attachment, sale, transfer or encumbrance not permitted by this Section 8 shall be void and unenforceable against the Company or any Affiliate.

9. Withholding. The Participant may be required to pay to the Company or any Affiliate and the Company or any Affiliate shall have the right and is hereby authorized to withhold from any transfer of Shares due under this Agreement, the LTIP or under the Plan or from any compensation or other amount owing to the Participant, applicable withholding taxes with respect to any transfer under this Agreement, the LTIP or under the Plan and to take such action as may be necessary in the opinion of the Company to satisfy all obligations for the payment of such taxes. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the Participant's employment with the Company terminates prior to the payment or transfer of all of the Shares under this Agreement, the payment of any applicable withholding taxes with respect to any further transfer of Shares under this Award shall be made solely through withholding of Shares otherwise payable under this Agreement in amounts equal to the statutory minimum withholding liability.

10. Non-Solicitation Covenants.

(a) **The Participant acknowledges and agrees that, during the Participant's employment with the Company and its Affiliates and upon the Participant's termination of employment with the Company and its Affiliates for any reason, for a period commencing on the termination of such employment and ending on the second anniversary of such termination, the Participant shall not, whether on Participant's own behalf or on behalf of or in conjunction with any person, company, business entity or other organization whatsoever, directly or indirectly:**

(i) **solicit any employee of the Company or its Affiliates with whom the Participant had any contact during the last two years of the Participant's employment, or who worked in the same business segment or division as the Participant during that period to terminate employment with the Company or its Affiliates;**

(ii) **solicit the employment or services of, or hire, any such employee whose employment with the Company or its Affiliates terminated coincident with, or within twelve (12) months prior to or after the termination of Participant's employment with the Company and its Affiliates;**

(iii) **directly or indirectly, solicit to cease to work with the Company or its Affiliates any consultant then under contract with the Company or its Affiliates.**

(b) It is expressly understood and agreed that although the Participant and the Company consider the restrictions contained in this Section 10 to be reasonable, if a final judicial determination is made by a court of competent jurisdiction that the time or any other restriction contained in this Agreement is an unenforceable restriction against the Participant, the provisions of this Agreement shall not be rendered void but shall be deemed amended to apply as to such maximum time and territory and to such maximum extent as such court may judicially determine or indicate to be enforceable. Alternatively, if any court of competent jurisdiction finds that any restriction contained in this Agreement is unenforceable, and such restriction cannot be amended so as to make it enforceable, such finding shall not affect the enforceability of any of the other restrictions contained herein.

11. **Specific Performance.** The Participant acknowledges and agrees that the Company's remedies at law for a breach or threatened breach of any of the provisions of Section 10 would be inadequate and the Company would suffer irreparable damages as a result of such breach or threatened breach. In recognition of this fact, the Participant agrees that, in the event of such a breach or threatened breach, in addition to any remedies at law, the Company, without posting any bond, shall be entitled to cease making any payments or providing any benefit otherwise required by this Agreement and obtain equitable relief in the form of specific performance, temporary restraining order, temporary or permanent injunction or any other equitable remedy which may then be available.

12. **Choice of Law.** THE INTERPRETATION, PERFORMANCE AND ENFORCEMENT OF THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE GOVERNED BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE WITHOUT REGARD TO PRINCIPLES OF CONFLICTS OF LAW.

13. **Award Subject to Plan and LTIP.** By entering into this Agreement, the Participant agrees and acknowledges that the Participant has received and read a copy of the Plan and the LTIP. The Award is subject to the Plan and the LTIP. In the event of a conflict between any term or provision contained herein and a term or provision of the Plan or LTIP, the applicable terms and provisions of the Plan and LTIP will govern and prevail.

14. **Signature in Counterparts.** This Agreement may be signed in counterparts, each of which shall be an original, with the same effect as if the signatures thereto and hereto were upon the same instrument.

15. **409A.** Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Agreement, the Plan or the LTIP, this Award shall not be deferred, accelerated, extended, paid out or modified in a manner that would result in the imposition of an additional tax under Section 409A of the Code upon the Participant. In the event it is reasonably determined by the Committee that, as a result of Section 409A of the Code, the transfer of Shares under this Agreement may not be made at the time contemplated hereunder without causing the Participant to be subject to taxation under Section 409A of the Code (including due to the Participant's status as a "specified employee" within the meaning of Section 409A of the Code), the Company will make such payment on the first day that would not result in the Participant incurring any tax liability under Section 409A of the Code.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement.

HOVNANIAN ENTERPRISES, INC.

By: _____

PARTICIPANT

By: _____

Exhibit A
2025 Long-Term Incentive Program
[Insert Terms of 2025 Long-Term Incentive Program]