# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

#### FORM 8-K

# CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): January 11, 2018

# HOVNANIAN ENTERPRISES, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

**Delaware** (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) 1-8551

(Commission File Number)

22-1851059 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

110 West Front Street P.O. Box 500 Red Bank, New Jersey 07701

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

(732) 747-7800

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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	Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR	240.13e-4(c))
	dicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).	of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter)  Emerging growth company
	an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the exterised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.	nded transition period for complying with any new or

#### Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On January 11, 2018, the Company entered into Amendment No. 1 to the Rights Agreement (the "Amendment"), which amends the Rights Agreement, dated as of August 14, 2008 (the "Rights Agreement"), between the Company and Computershare Trust Company, N.A. (as successor to National City Bank), as Rights Agent.

Under the Amendment, (i) each preferred stock purchase right, if exercisable, will initially represent the right to purchase from the Company one ten-thousandth of a share of the Company's Series B Junior Preferred Stock, par value \$0.01 per share, for a purchase price of \$16.60 (decreased from \$35.00) and (ii) the Final Expiration Date (as defined in the Rights Agreement) will be extended to August 14, 2021 (or August 14, 2019 if the stockholders of the Company have not approved the Amendment by such date).

The foregoing description of the Amendment does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Amendment, which is filed as Exhibit 4.1 hereto and incorporated herein by reference, and the Rights Agreement, which is filed as Exhibit 4.2 hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

## Item 3.03. <u>Material Modification to Rights of Security Holders.</u>

The information set forth above under Item 1.01 of this Current Report on Form 8-K is hereby incorporated into this Item 3.03 by reference.

## Item 9.01. <u>Financial Statements and Exhibits</u>.

#### (d) Exhibits

- 4.1 Amendment No. 1 to Rights Agreement, dated as of January 11, 2018, 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.
- 4.2 Rights Agreement, dated as of August 14, 2008, between the Company and Computershare Trust Company, N.A. (as successor to National City Bank), as Rights Agent, which includes the Form of Certificate of Designation as Exhibit A, Form of Rights Certificate as Exhibit B and the Summary of Rights as Exhibit C (incorporated herein by reference to <a href="Exhibit 4.1">Exhibit 4.1</a> to the Company's Registration Statement on Form 8-A, filed on August 14, 2008).

## **SIGNATURE**

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 hereunto duly authorized.

> HOVNANIAN ENTERPRISES, INC. (Registrant)

By: /s/ Larry Sorsby

Name: J. Larry Sorsby
Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial

Officer

January 11, 2018

## **INDEX TO EXHIBITS**

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	amended and restated Summary of Rights as Exhibit 2.
Exhibit	Rights Agreement, dated as of August 14, 2008, between the Company and Computershare Trust Company, N.A. (as successor to National City
4.2	Bank), as Rights Agent, which includes the Form of Certificate of Designation as Exhibit A, Form of Rights Certificate as Exhibit B and the
	Summary of Rights as Exhibit C (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form 8-A, filed on
	<u>August 14, 2008).</u>

### AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO RIGHTS AGREEMENT

This Amendment No. 1 (this "<u>Amendment</u>") to that certain rights agreement, by and between Hovnanian Enterprises, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "<u>Company</u>"), and Computershare Trust Company, N.A., as successor to National City Bank (the "<u>Rights Agent</u>"), dated as of August 14, 2008, is made and entered into as of January 11, 2018, and shall become effective on January 11, 2018.

#### **BACKGROUND**

WHEREAS, the Company and the Rights Agent entered into that certain rights agreement, dated as of August 14, 2008 (the "Existing Rights Agreement");

WHEREAS, Section 26 of the Existing Rights Agreement provides that prior to the Distribution Date, the Company may supplement or amend any provision of the Existing Rights Agreement without the approval of any holders of Rights;

WHEREAS, no Distribution Date has occurred on or prior to the date hereof;

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Company (the "Board") deems it advisable and in the best interests of the Company and its stockholders to amend the terms of the Existing Rights Agreement as set forth herein; and

WHEREAS, on January 8, 2018, the Board authorized and approved this Amendment.

#### **AGREEMENT**

NOW, THEREFORE, the Company hereby amends the Existing Rights Agreement as follows and directs the Rights Agent to execute this Amendment:

- 1. Effect of Amendment. Except as expressly provided herein, the Existing Rights Agreement shall be and remain in full force and effect.
- 2. <u>Capitalized Terms</u>. All capitalized, undefined terms used in this Amendment shall have the meanings assigned thereto in the Existing Rights Agreement.
- 3. <u>National City Bank</u>. All references in the Existing Rights Agreement to "National City Bank" shall be removed and replaced with "Computershare Trust Company, N.A.".
  - 4. <u>Section 1</u> of the Existing Rights Agreement is hereby amended as follows:
    - a. The reference to "August 14, 2009" in clause (x)(vi) shall be removed and replaced with "August 14, 2019".

- b. The reference to "August 14, 2018" in clause (y) shall be removed and replaced with "August 14, 2021".
- c. The reference to "\$35.00" in clause (dd) shall be removed and replaced with "\$16.60".
- d. The references to "this Agreement" in <u>clause (pp)</u> shall be removed and replaced with "Amendment No. 1 to Rights Agreement, dated as of January 11, 2018, between the Company and the Rights Agent".
- 5. Exhibit B to the Existing Rights Agreement is hereby amended and restated in its entirety as set forth on Exhibit 1 hereto.
- 6. Exhibit C to the Existing Rights Agreement is hereby amended and restated in its entirety as set forth on Exhibit 2 hereto.
- 7. <u>Governing Law</u>. This Amendment shall be deemed to be a contract made under the laws of the State of Delaware and for all purposes shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of such State applicable to contracts to be made and performed entirely within such State.
- 8. <u>Execution in Counterparts</u>. This Amendment may be executed in any number of counterparts and each of such counterparts shall for all purposes be deemed to be an original, and all such counterparts shall together constitute but one and the same instrument. A signature to this Amendment executed and/or transmitted electronically shall have the same authority, effect and enforceability as an original signature.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Amendment to be duly executed as of the date first written above.

## HOVNANIAN ENTERPRISES, INC.

By: /s/ Michael Discafani

Name: Michael Discafani

Title: Vice President, Corporate Counsel and Secretary

## COMPUTERSHARE TRUST COMPANY, N.A.

By: /s/ Michael J. Lang

Name: Michael J. Lang

Title: Senior Vice President, Investor Services

# Exhibit 1

# FORM OF RIGHTS CERTIFICATE

Certificate No. RRights in respect of Class Common Stock				
OT EXERCISABLE AFTER AUGUST 14, 2021 OR EARLIER IF REDEEMED, EXCHANGED OR AMENDED. THE RIGHTS ARE SUBJECT TO EDEMPTION, EXCHANGE AND AMENDMENT AT THE OPTION OF THE COMPANY, ON THE TERMS SET FORTH IN THE RIGHT GREEMENT. UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES SPECIFIED IN THE RIGHTS AGREEMENT, RIGHTS THAT ARE OR WERE BENEFICIALLY WITHOUT BY AN ACQUIRING PERSON (AS SUCH TERMS ARE DEFINED IN THE RIGHTS AGREEMENT) OR A TRANSFEREE THEREOF SHALL BECOME NULL AND VOID AND NO LONGER TRANSFERABLE.				
RIGHTS CERTIFICATE				
HOVNANIAN ENTERPRISES, INC.				
This certifies that				

This Rights Certificate is subject to all of the terms, provisions and conditions of the Rights Agreement, which terms, provisions and conditions are hereby incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof and to which Rights Agreement reference is hereby made for a full description of the rights, limitations of rights, obligations, duties and immunities of the Rights Agent, the Company and the holders of the Rights Certificates, which limitations of rights include the temporary suspension of the exercisability of the Rights under the circumstances specified in the Rights Agreement. Copies of the Rights Agreement are on file at the principal executive offices of the Company and can be obtained from the Company without charge upon written request therefor.

Pursuant to the Rights Agreement, from and after the occurrence of any Person becoming an Acquiring Person, any Rights that are Beneficially Owned by (i) any Acquiring Person (or any Affiliate or Associate of any Acquiring Person), (ii) a transferee of any Acquiring Person (or any such Affiliate or Associate) who becomes a transferee after the occurrence of any Person becoming an Acquiring Person or (iii) a transferee of any Acquiring Person (or any such Affiliate or Associate) who became a transferee prior to or concurrently with any Person becoming an Acquiring Person pursuant to either (a) a transfer from an Acquiring Person to holders of its equity securities or to any Person with whom it has any continuing agreement, arrangement or understanding regarding the transferred Rights or (b) a transfer which the Board of Directors of the Company has determined is part of a plan, arrangement or understanding which has the purpose or effect of avoiding certain provisions of the Rights Agreement, and subsequent transferees of any of such Persons, will be void without any further action and any holder of such Rights will thereafter have no rights whatsoever with respect to such Rights under any provision of the Rights Agreement. From and after the occurrence of any Person becoming an Acquiring Person, no Rights Certificate will be issued that represents Rights that are or have become void pursuant to the provisions of the Rights Agreement will be canceled.

This Rights Certificate, with or without other Rights Certificates, may be exchanged for another Rights Certificate or Rights Certificates entitling the holder to purchase a like number of one ten-thousandths of a Preferred Share (or other securities, as the case may be) as the Rights Certificate or Rights Certificates surrendered entitled such holder (or former holder in the case of a transfer) to purchase, upon presentation and surrender hereof at the office or offices of the Rights Agent designated for such purpose, with the Form of Assignment (if appropriate) and the related Certificate duly executed.

Subject to the provisions of the Rights Agreement, the Rights evidenced by this Certificate may be redeemed by the Company at its option at a redemption price of \$0.01 per Right or may be exchanged in whole or in part. The Rights Agreement may be supplemented and amended by the Company, as provided therein.

The Company is not required to issue fractions of Preferred Shares (other than fractions which are integral multiples of one ten-thousandth of a Preferred Share, which may, at the option of the Company, be evidenced by depositary receipts) or other securities issuable, as the case may be, upon the exercise of any Right or Rights evidenced hereby. In lieu of issuing such fractional Preferred Shares or other securities, the Company may make a cash payment, as provided in the Rights Agreement.

No holder of this Rights Certificate, as such, will be entitled to vote or receive dividends or be deemed for any purpose the holder of the Preferred Shares or of any other securities of the Company which may at any time be issuable upon the exercise of the Right or Rights represented hereby, nor will anything contained herein or in the Rights Agreement be construed to confer upon the holder hereof, as such, any of the rights of a stockholder of the Company or any right to vote for the election of directors or upon any matter submitted to stockholders at any meeting thereof, or to give or withhold consent to any corporate action, or to receive notice of meetings or other actions affecting stockholders (except as provided in the Rights Agreement), or to receive dividends or subscription rights, or otherwise, until the Right or Rights evidenced by this Rights Certificate have been exercised in accordance with the provisions of the Rights Agreement.

This Rights Certificate will not be valid or obligatory for any purpose until it has been countersigned by the Rights Agent.

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WITNESS the facsimile signature of the proper officers of the Company and its corporate seal. Dated as of August 14, 2008.	
HOVNANIAN ENTERPRISES, INC.	
/s/ Name:	
Title:	
Countersigned:	
COMPUTERSHARE TRUST COMPANY, N.A.	
/s/	
Name:	
Title:	

# Form of Reverse Side of Rights Certificate

# FORM OF ASSIGNMENT

(To be executed by the registered holder if such holder desires to transfer the Rights Certificate)				
hereby sells, assigns and transfers unto				
(Please print name and address of transferee)				
interest therein, and does hereby irrevocably constitute and appoint Attorney, to transfer the within npany, with full power of substitution.				
Signature				
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nced by this Rights Certificate are not beneficially owned by an Acquiring Person or an Affiliate or				
Signature				

# **CERTIFICATE**

The undersigned hereby certifies by checking the appropriate boxes that:

being sold, assigned, transferred, split up, combined or exchanged by or on te of any such Person (as such terms are defined in the Rights Agreement);		
(2) after due inquiry and to the best knowledge of the undersigned, it □ did □ did not acquire the Rights evidenced by this Rights Certificate from the Person who is, was or became an Acquiring Person or an Affiliate or Associate of an Acquiring Person.		
Signature		

# FORM OF ELECTION TO PURCHASE

(To be executed if the holder desires to exercise the Rights Certificate)

10 Hovilalian Enterprises, inc				
The undersigned hereby irrevocably elects to exercise Rights represented by this Rights Certificate to purchase the one tenthousandths of a Preferred Share or other securities issuable upon the exercise of such Rights and requests that certificates for such securities be issued in the name of and delivered to:				
Please insert social security or other identifying number:				
(Please print name and address)				
If such number of Rights is not all the Rights evidenced by this Rights Certificate, a new Rights Certificate for the balance remaining of such Rights will be registered in the name of and delivered to:				
Please insert social security or other identifying number:				
(Please print name and address)				
Dated:,				
Signature(s) Guaranteed:				
SIGNATURE(S) SHOULD BE GUARANTEED BY AN ELIGIBLE GUARANTOR INSTITUTION (BANKS, STOCKBROKERS, SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATIONS AND CREDIT UNIONS WITH MEMBERSHIP IN AN APPROVED SIGNATURE GUARANTEE MEDALLION PROGRAM) PURSUANT TO S.E.C. RULE 17Ad-15.				
The undersigned hereby certifies that the Rights evidenced by this Rights Certificate are not beneficially owned by an Acquiring Person or an Affiliate o Associate thereof (as such terms are defined in the Rights Agreement).				
Signature				

# **CERTIFICATE**

The undersigned hereby certifies by checking the appropriate boxes that:

(1) the Rights evidenced by this Rights Certificate $\square$ are $\square$ are not being or an Affiliate or Associate of any such Person (as such terms are defined pursuant to	g exercised by or on behalf of a Person who is or was an Acquiring Perso to the Rights Agreement); and		
(2) after due inquiry and to the best knowledge of the undersigned, it $\square$ did $\square$ did not acquire the Rights evidenced by this Rights Certificate any Person who is, was, or became an Acquiring Person or an Affiliate or Associate of an Acquiring Person.			
Dated:,			
	Signature		

## **NOTICE**

The signature(s) in the Form of Assignment or Form of Election to Purchase, as the case may be, must conform to the name as written upon the face of this Right Certificate in every particular, without alteration or enlargement or any change whatsoever.

In the event the certification set forth above in the Form of Assignment or the Form of Election to Purchase, as the case may be, is not completed, such Assignment or Election to Purchase will not be honored.

#### Exhibit 2

UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, AS SET FORTH IN THE AMENDED RIGHTS PLAN, RIGHTS OWNED BY OR TRANSFERRED TO ANY PERSON WHO IS OR BECOMES AN ACQUIRING PERSON (AS SUCH TERMS ARE DEFINED IN THE AMENDED RIGHTS PLAN) AND CERTAIN TRANSFEREES THEREOF WILL BECOME NULL AND VOID AND WILL NO LONGER BE TRANSFERABLE.

#### **SUMMARY OF RIGHTS**

On January 11, 2018, the Board of Directors (the "*Board*") of Hovnanian Enterprises, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "*Company*"), entered into Amendment No. 1 (the "*Amendment*") to the Rights Agreement, by and between the Company and Computershare Trust Company, N.A. (as successor to National City Bank), dated as of August 14, 2008 (the "*Rights Plan*", and as amended by the Amendment, the "*Amended Rights Plan*").

This summary of rights provides only a general description of the Amended Rights Plan, and thus, should be read together with the entire Amended Rights Plan, which is incorporated into this summary by reference. All capitalized terms used herein but not defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Amended Rights Plan. Upon written request, the Company will provide a copy of the Amended Rights Plan (which includes the Rights Plan and the Amendment) free of charge to any of its stockholders.

Our Board entered into the Amended Rights Plan in an effort to protect stockholder value by attempting to protect against a possible limitation on our ability to use our net operating loss carryforwards (the "NOLs") to reduce future potential federal income tax obligations. We have experienced substantial operating losses, and under the Internal Revenue Code and rules promulgated by the Internal Revenue Service, we may "carry forward" these losses in certain circumstances to offset any current and future earnings and thus reduce our federal income tax liability, subject to certain requirements and restrictions. To the extent that the NOLs do not otherwise become limited, we believe that we will be able to carry forward a significant amount of NOLs, and therefore these NOLs could be a substantial asset to us. However, if we experience an "Ownership Change," as defined in Section 382 of the Internal Revenue Code, our ability to use the NOLs will be substantially limited, and the timing of the usage of the NOLs could be substantially delayed, which could therefore significantly impair the value of that asset.

The Amended Rights Plan is intended to act as a deterrent to any person or group acquiring 4.9% or more of our outstanding Class A common stock (an "Acquiring Person") without the approval of our Board. Stockholders who owned 4.9% or more of our outstanding Class A common stock as of the close of business on August 15, 2008 would not have triggered the Amended Rights Plan so long as they did not and do not (i) acquire any additional shares of Class A common stock or (ii) fall under 4.9% ownership of Class A common stock and then re-acquire 4.9% or more of the Class A common stock. The Amended Rights Plan does not exempt any subsequent acquisitions of Class A common stock by such persons. Any Rights held by an Acquiring Person are void and may not be exercised. Our Board may, in its sole discretion, exempt any person or group from being deemed an Acquiring Person for purposes of the Amended Rights Plan.

The Rights. Our Board authorized the issuance of one Right per each outstanding share of our Class A common stock and Class B common stock payable to our stockholders of record as of August 15, 2008 and the issuance of one Right per each share of Class A common stock and Class B common stock issued or delivered by the Company after such date but before the earlier of the Distribution Date (as defined below) and the Expiration Date (as defined below). Subject to the terms, provisions and conditions of the Amended Rights Plan, if the Rights become exercisable, each Right would initially represent the right to purchase from us one ten-thousandth of a share of our Series B Junior Preferred Stock for a purchase price of \$16.60 (the "Purchase Price"). If issued, each fractional share of preferred stock would give the stockholder approximately the same dividend, voting and liquidation rights as does one share of our Class A common stock. However, prior to exercise, a Right does not give its holder any rights as a stockholder of the Company, including without limitation any dividend, voting or liquidation rights.

*Exercisability*. The Rights will not be exercisable until the earlier of (i) 10 business days after a public announcement by us that a person or group has become an Acquiring Person and (ii) 10 business days after the commencement of a tender or an exchange offer by a person or group for 4.9% of the Class A common stock.

We refer to the date that the Rights become exercisable as the "*Distribution Date*." Until the Distribution Date, our Class A common stock and Class B common stock certificates will evidence the Rights and will contain a notation to that effect. Any transfer of shares of Class A common stock and/or Class B common stock prior to the Distribution Date will constitute a transfer of the associated Rights. After the Distribution Date, the Rights may be transferred other than in connection with the transfer of the underlying shares of Class A common stock or Class B common stock unless and until our Board has determined to affect an exchange pursuant to the Amended Rights Plan (as described below).

After the Distribution Date, each holder of a Right, other than Rights beneficially owned by the Acquiring Person (which will thereupon become void), will thereafter have the right to receive upon exercise of a Right and payment of the Purchase Price, that number of shares of Class A common stock or Class B common stock, as the case may be, having a market value of two times the Purchase Price.

*Exchange.* After the Distribution Date, the Board may exchange the Rights (other than Rights owned by such person or group which will have become void), in whole or in part, at an exchange ratio of one share of Common Stock, or a fractional share of Series B Preferred Stock (or of a share of a similar class or series of the Company's preferred stock having similar rights, preferences and privileges) of equivalent value, per Right (subject to adjustment).

*Expiration.* The Rights and the Amended Rights Plan will expire on the earliest of (i) August 14, 2021, (ii) the time at which the Rights are redeemed pursuant to the Rights Agreement, (iii) the time at which the Rights are exchanged pursuant to the Amended Rights Plan, (iv) the repeal of Section 382 of the Internal Revenue Code or any successor statute if the Board determines that the Amended Rights Plan is no longer necessary for the preservation of Tax Benefits, (v) the beginning of a taxable year of the Company to which the Board determines that no Tax Benefits may be carried forward and (vi) August 14, 2019, if Stockholder Approval has not been obtained.

Redemption. At any time prior to the time an Acquiring Person becomes such, the Board may redeem the Rights in whole, but not in part, at a price of \$0.01 per Right (the "Redemption Price"). The redemption of the Rights may be made effective at such time, on such basis and with such conditions as the Board in its sole discretion may establish. Immediately upon any redemption of the Rights, the right to exercise the Rights will terminate and the only right of the holders of Rights will be to receive the Redemption Price.

Anti-Dilution Provisions. Our Board may adjust the purchase price of the preferred shares, the number of preferred shares issuable and the number of outstanding rights to prevent dilution that may occur as a result of certain events, including among others, a stock dividend, a stock split or a reclassification of the preferred shares or our Class A common stock or Class B common stock. No adjustments to the purchase price of less than 1% will be made.

Amendments. Before the Distribution Date, our Board may amend or supplement the Amended Rights Plan without the consent of the holders of the Rights. After the time that the Rights have become no longer redeemable, our Board may amend or supplement the Amended Rights Plan only to cure an ambiguity, to alter time period provisions, to correct inconsistent provisions, or to make any additional changes to the Amended Rights Plan, but only to the extent that those changes do not impair or adversely affect any Rights holder, and no such amendment may cause the Rights again to become redeemable or cause the Amended Rights Plan again to become amendable other than in accordance the Amended Rights Plan.