

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* HOVNANIAN ARA K (Last) (First) (Middle) 110 WEST FRONT STREET (Street) RED BANK NJ 07701 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol HOVNANIAN ENTERPRISES INC [HOV]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) President and CEO
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/22/2006	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	
		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Class A Common Stock	12/22/2006		S		100	D	\$33.43	32,137 ⁽¹⁾	I	Held as trustee of trust for Ester K. Barry's family
Class A Common Stock	12/22/2006		S		200	D	\$33.42	31,937 ⁽¹⁾	I	Held as trustee of trust for Ester K. Barry's family
Class A Common Stock	12/22/2006		S		250	D	\$33.38	31,687 ⁽¹⁾	I	Held as trustee of trust for Ester K. Barry's family
Class A Common Stock	12/22/2006		S		550	D	\$33.35	31,137 ⁽¹⁾	I	Held as trustee of trust for Ester K. Barry's family
Class A Common Stock	12/22/2006		S		300	D	\$33.33	30,837 ⁽¹⁾	I	Held as trustee of trust for Ester K. Barry's family
Class A Common Stock	12/22/2006		S		100	D	\$33.3	30,737 ⁽¹⁾	I	Held as trustee of trust for Ester K. Barry's family
Class A Common Stock								32,237 ⁽¹⁾	I	Held as trustee of trust for Sossie K. Najarian's family

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			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Class A Common Stock								30,487 ⁽¹⁾	I	Held as trustee of trust for Nadia K. Rodriguez's family
Class A Common Stock								32,237 ⁽¹⁾	I	Held as trustee of trust for Lucy K. Kalian's family
Class A Common Stock								1,694,534	D	
Class A Common Stock								205,092	I	Held by the Ara K. Hovnanian 2004 GRAT ⁽²⁾
Class A Common Stock								13,974	I	Held by son Alexander
Class A Common Stock								6,700	I	Held by daughter Serena
Class A Common Stock								16,700	I	Held by wife
Class A Common Stock								71,099 ⁽¹⁾	I	Held by trust for Esther K. Barry's family ⁽³⁾
Class A Common Stock								85,319 ⁽¹⁾	I	Held by trust for Lucy K. Kalian's family ⁽⁴⁾
Class A Common Stock								39,100 ⁽¹⁾	I	Held by trust for Nadia K. Rodriguez's family ⁽⁵⁾

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

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

Explanation of Responses:

- The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities except to the extent of his potential pecuniary interest therein, and the inclusion of these shares in this report shall not be deemed an admission of beneficial ownership of all of the reported shares for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose
- Held by the Ara K. Hovnanian 2004 Grantor Retained Annuity Trust of which the reporting person is trustee and the principal beneficiary
- Held by The Esther K. Barry Family 1994 Long-Term Trust, of which the reporting person is trustee and has a potential remainder interest, including shares held through a partnership interest in the Kevork S. Hovnanian Family Limited Partnership (the "Limited Partnership")
- Held by The Lucy K. Kalian Family 1994 Long-Term Trust, of which the reporting person is trustee and has a potential remainder interest, including shares held through a partnership interest in the Limited Partnership
- Held by The Nadia K. Rodriguez Family 1994 Long-Term Trust, of which the reporting person is trustee and has a potential remainder interest, including shares held through a partnership interest in the Limited Partnership

Remarks:

Nancy A. Marrazzo Attorney-
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12/27/2006

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

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

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

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