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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>HOVNANIAN SIRWART</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>110 WEST FRONT STREET</u>  (Street) <u>RED BANK NJ 07701</u>  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>HOVNANIAN ENTERPRISES INC [ HOV ]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner  Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>12/14/2007</u>	
	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  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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Class A Common Stock	12/14/2007		D		600,000	D	\$0 <sup>(1)</sup>	6,940,710	I	Held by Spouse
Class A Common Stock								190,000	D	

**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	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Class B Common Stock	\$0 <sup>(2)</sup>	12/14/2007		A		600,000		(2)	(3)	Class A Common Stock	600,000	\$0 <sup>(1)</sup>	7,066,228	I	Held by Spouse
Class B Common Stock	(2)							(2)	(3)	Class A Common Stock	27,476.54		27,476.54	I	Held by Reporting Person through partnership interests in the Limited Partnership
Class B Common Stock	(2)							(2)	(3)	Class A Common Stock	2,504,521.6		2,504,521.6	I	Held by the Sirwart Hovnanian 1994 Marital Trust <sup>(4)</sup>

**Explanation of Responses:**

1. On December 14, 2007, in transactions approved in accordance with Rule 16b-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Issuer (i) exchanged 600,000 shares of Class B Common Stock held by Ara K. Hovnanian for an equal number of shares of Class A Common Stock and (ii) immediately thereafter exchanged the 600,000 shares of Class B Common Stock received from Ara K. Hovnanian for an equal number of shares of Class A Common held by the Reporting Person's spouse. The aggregate Hovnanian family holdings of shares, both of Class A Common Stock and Class B Common Stock, remain unchanged by such exchanges.

2. The Class B Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share, non-cumulative, is immediately converted into an equal number of shares of Class A Common Stock, per value \$.01 per share, non-cumulative

3. No expiration date

4. Held by the Marital Trust, including shares held through partnership interests in the Kevork S. Hovnanian Family Limited Partnership (the "Limited Partnership")

**Remarks:**

Nancy A. Marazzo Attorney-in-Fact 12/18/2007

\*\* 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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