

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* DECESARIS GEATON A JR _____ (Last) (First) (Middle) 10 HIGHWAY 35 _____ (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 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) Pres of Homeblnd and CCO
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/24/2003	
	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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Class A Common Stock	09/24/2003		S		75	D	\$65.5	351,510	D	
Class A Common Stock	09/24/2003		S		400	D	\$65.5	351,110	D	
Class A Common Stock	09/24/2003		S		600	D	\$65.5	350,510	D	
Class A Common Stock	09/24/2003		S		1,500	D	\$65.5	349,010	D	
Class A Common Stock	09/24/2003		S		1,000	D	\$65.5	348,010	D	
Class A Common Stock	09/24/2003		S		2,000	D	\$65.5	346,010	D	
Class A Common Stock	09/24/2003		S		100	D	\$65.5	345,910	D	
Class A Common Stock	09/24/2003		S		1,800	D	\$65.5	344,110	D	
Class A Common Stock	09/24/2003		S		400	D	\$65.5	347,710	D	
Class A Common Stock	09/24/2003		S		300	D	\$65.5	343,410	D	
Class A Common Stock	09/24/2003		S		1,400	D	\$65.5	342,010	D	
Class A Common Stock	09/24/2003		S		100	D	\$65.61	72,770	I	Held by The Geaton and Josephine DeCesaris Family Trust
Class A Common Stock	09/24/2003		S		1,900	D	\$65.5	70,870	I	Held by The Geaton and Josephine DeCesaris Family Trust
Class A Common Stock	09/24/2003		S		200	D	\$65.5	70,670	I	Held by The Geaton and Josephine DeCesaris Family Trust

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Class A Common Stock	09/24/2003		S		500	D	\$65.5	70,170	I	Held by The Geaton and Josephine DeCesaris Family Trust
Class A Common Stock	09/24/2003		S		200	D	\$65.5	69,970	I	Held by The Geaton and Josephine DeCesaris Family Trust
Class A Common Stock	09/24/2003		S		400	D	\$65.5	69,570	I	Held by The Geaton and Josephine DeCesaris Family Trust
Class A Common Stock	09/24/2003		S		1,000	D	\$65.5	68,570	I	Held By The Geaton and Josephine DeCesaris Family Trust
Class A Common Stock	09/24/2003		S		500	D	\$65.5	68,070	I	Held By The Geaton and Josephine DeCesaris Family Trust
Class A Common Stock	09/24/2003		S		300	D	\$65.5	67,770	I	Held By The Geaton and Josephine DeCesaris Family Trust
Class A Common Stock	09/24/2003		S		100	D	\$64.79	67,670	I	Held By The Geaton and Josephine DeCesaris Family Trust
Class A Common Stock	09/24/2003		S		400	D	\$64.72	67,270	I	Held By The Geaton and Josephine DeCesaris Family Trust

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			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Class A Common Stock	09/24/2003		S		1,000	D	\$64.7	66,270	I	Held By The Geaton and Josephine DeCesaris Family Trust
Class A Common Stock	09/24/2003		S		700	D	\$64.7	65,570	I	Held By The Geaton and Josephine DeCesaris Family Trust
Class A Common Stock	09/24/2003		S		500	D	\$64.55	65,070	I	Held By The Geaton and Josephine DeCesaris Family Trust
Class A Common Stock	09/24/2003		S		500	D	\$64.55	64,570	I	Held By The Geaton and Josephine DeCesaris Family Trust
Class A Common Stock	09/24/2003		S		100	D	\$64.55	64,470	I	Held By The Geaton and Josephine DeCesaris Family Trust
Class A Common Stock	09/24/2003		S		100	D	\$64.55	64,370	I	Held By The Geaton and Josephine DeCesaris Family Trust
Class A Common Stock	09/24/2003		S		100	D	\$64.55	64,270	I	Held By The Geaton and Josephine DeCesaris Family Trust
Class A Common Stock	09/24/2003		S		11,400 ⁽¹⁾	D	\$64.5	52,870 ⁽²⁾	I	Held By The Geaton and Josephine DeCesaris Family Trust

**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:

1. (1) 11,400 shares consist of the following trades: 100 @64.55; 1,800 @64.55; 1,600 @64.55; 300 @64.50; 400@64.50; 100 @64.50; 2,100 @64.50; 2,100 @64.50; 700 @64.50; 700 @64.50; 1,000 @64.50; 500 @64.50.

2. In addition, the Reporting Person holds indirectly (i) 10,729 shares of Class A Common Stock, which are held by Five Queens, Inc., a subchapter S corporation owned by the Reporting Person's children and of which and of which he is the President, (ii) 55,000 shares of Class A Common Stock, which are held by the Geaton A. DeCesaris, Jr. Charitable Remainder Unitrust (the "Unitrust") of which the reporting person is trustee and beneficiary, and (iii) 7,081 of Class A Common Stock held as Custodian under UTMA for the Reporting Person's minor children. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares held indirectly except, with respect to the shares held by the Unitrust, of his pecuniary interest therein.

Remarks:

Anthony J. Maimone

09/26/2003

** 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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