

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <b>HOVNANIAN ARA K</b>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <b>10 HIGHWAY 35</b>  (Street) <b>RED BANK NJ 07701</b>  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <b>HOVNANIAN ENTERPRISES INC [ HOV ]</b>	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) Other (specify below) <b>President and CEO</b>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <b>10/14/2003</b>	
	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	10/14/2003		S		16,600	D	\$78.75	694,483	D	
Class A Common Stock	10/14/2003		S		3,300	D	\$78.76	691,183	D	
Class A Common Stock	10/14/2003		S		1,100	D	\$78.77	690,083	D	
Class A Common Stock	10/14/2003		S		2,600	D	\$78.79	687,483	D	
Class A Common Stock	10/14/2003		S		3,100	D	\$78.8	684,383	D	
Class A Common Stock	10/14/2003		S		1,600	D	\$78.81	682,783	D	
Class A Common Stock	10/14/2003		S		1,300	D	\$78.82	681,483	D	
Class A Common Stock	10/14/2003		S		800	D	\$78.83	680,683	D	
Class A Common Stock	10/14/2003		S		1,000	D	\$78.84	679,683	D	
Class A Common Stock	10/14/2003		S		500	D	\$78.85	679,183	D	
Class A Common Stock	10/14/2003		S		2,100	D	\$78.86	677,083	D	
Class A Common Stock	10/14/2003		S		1,000	D	\$78.87	676,083	D	
Class A Common Stock	10/14/2003		S		3,000	D	\$78.88	673,083	D	
Class A Common Stock	10/14/2003		S		2,800	D	\$78.89	670,283	D	
Class A Common Stock	10/14/2003		S		3,400	D	\$78.9	666,883	D	
Class A Common Stock	10/14/2003		S		200	D	\$78.91	666,683	D	
Class A Common Stock	10/14/2003		S		1,100	D	\$78.92	665,583	D	
Class A Common Stock	10/14/2003		S		500	D	\$78.93	665,083	D	
Class A Common Stock	10/14/2003		S		1,700	D	\$78.94	663,383	D	
Class A Common Stock	10/14/2003		S		200	D	\$78.95	663,183	D	
Class A Common Stock	10/14/2003		S		500	D	\$78.97	662,683	D	
Class A Common Stock	10/14/2003		S		400	D	\$78.98	662,283	D	
Class A Common Stock	10/14/2003		S		1,000	D	\$78.99	661,283	D	
Class A Common Stock	10/14/2003		S		100	D	\$79.01	661,183	D	
Class A Common Stock	10/14/2003		S		100	D	\$79.02	661,083 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	

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

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	4. Deemed Execution Date, if any (e.g., puts/calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) (Month/Day/Year)	5. Number of 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 Underlying 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)	
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<p>1. In addition, Reporting Person holds indirectly (i) 16,530 shares of Class A Common Stock, which are held by estate of son Alexander; (ii) 3,350 shares of Class A Common Stock, which are held by daughter Serena; and (iv) 8,350 shares of Class A Common Stock, which are held by wife Nancy Marrazzo.</p>											
<p>Remarks:</p>											
<p>Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.</p>											
<p>* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).</p>											
<p>** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).</p>											
<p>Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.</p>											
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Nancy Marrazzo

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

10/15/2003

Date