

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>DECESARIS GEATON A JR</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>10 HIGHWAY 35</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) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>09/20/2004</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	09/20/2004		S		12,300	D	\$39.38	287,700	I	Held by the DeCesaris Family LLC #1 <sup>(1)</sup>
Class A Common Stock	09/20/2004		S		6,700	D	\$39.39	281,000	I	Held by the DeCesaris Family LLC #1 <sup>(1)</sup>
Class A Common Stock	09/20/2004		S		6,200	D	\$39.4	274,800	I	Held by the DeCesaris Family LLC #1 <sup>(1)</sup>
Class A Common Stock	09/20/2004		S		7,100	D	\$39.41	267,700	I	Held by the DeCesaris Family LLC #1 <sup>(1)</sup>
Class A Common Stock	09/20/2004		S		2,200	D	\$39.5	265,500	I	Held by the DeCesaris Family LLC #1 <sup>(1)</sup>
Class A Common Stock	09/20/2004		S		300	D	\$39.51	265,200	I	Held by the DeCesaris Family LLC #1 <sup>(1)</sup>
Class A Common Stock	09/20/2004		S		1,500	D	\$39.52	263,700	I	Held by the DeCesaris Family LLC #1 <sup>(1)</sup>
Class A Common Stock	09/20/2004		S		1,100	D	\$39.53	262,600	I	Held by the DeCesaris Family LLC #1 <sup>(1)</sup>

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			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Class A Common Stock	09/20/2004		S		300	D	\$39.54	262,300	I	Held by the DeCesaris Family LLC #1 <sup>(1)</sup>
Class A Common Stock	09/20/2004		S		1,400	D	\$39.55	260,900	I	Held by the DeCesaris Family LLC #1 <sup>(1)</sup>
Class A Common Stock	09/20/2004		S		1,000	D	\$39.56	259,900	I	Held by the DeCesaris Family LLC #1 <sup>(1)</sup>
Class A Common Stock	09/20/2004		S		1,800	D	\$39.57	258,100	I	Held by the DeCesaris Family LLC #1 <sup>(1)</sup>
Class A Common Stock	09/20/2004		S		1,000	D	\$39.58	257,100	I	Held by the DeCesaris Family LLC #1 <sup>(1)</sup>
Class A Common Stock	09/20/2004		S		200	D	\$39.6	256,900	I	Held by the DeCesaris Family LLC #1 <sup>(1)</sup>
Class A Common Stock	09/21/2004		S		10,400	D	\$40	246,500	I	Held by the DeCesaris Family LLC #1 <sup>(1)</sup>
Class A Common Stock	09/21/2004		S		500	D	\$40.02	246,000	I	Held by the DeCesaris Family LLC #1 <sup>(1)</sup>
Class A Common Stock	09/21/2004		S		1,000	D	\$40.03	245,000	I	Held by the DeCesaris Family LLC #1 <sup>(1)</sup>
Class A Common Stock	09/21/2004		S		200	D	\$40.04	244,800	I	Held by the DeCesaris Family LLC #1 <sup>(1)</sup>
Class A Common Stock	09/21/2004		S		1,000	D	\$40.05	243,800	I	Held by the DeCesaris Family LLC #1 <sup>(1)</sup>
Class A Common Stock	09/21/2004		S		100	D	\$40.06	243,700	I	Held by the DeCesaris Family LLC #1 <sup>(1)</sup>



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

1. Title of Derivative (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion Date (Instr. 3)	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title and Amount of Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
1. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of shares held by the family LLC, except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.														
2. 13,900 shares of the following trades: 1,100 @ \$40.18; 200 @ \$40.19; 3,700 @ \$40.20; 4,800 @ \$40.21; 500 @ \$40.22; 3,000 @ \$40.27; 3,100 @ \$40.28; 3,100 @ \$41.29.														
3. 20,000 shares consist of the following trades: 3,000 @ \$40.92; 1,300 @ \$40.98; 2,500 @ \$41.00; 1,700 @ \$41.01; 500 @ \$41.02; 100 @ \$41.03; 300 @ \$41.07; 100 @ \$41.10; 1,700 @ \$41.19; 2,800 @ \$41.20; 200 @ \$41.21; 100 @ \$41.22; 300 @ \$41.25; 900 @ \$41.26; 1,100 @ \$41.27; 400 @ \$41.28 3,100 @ \$41.29.														
4. In addition, the Reporting Person holds directly 364,020 shares of Class A Common Stock and indirectly (i) 21,458 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 he is the President, and (ii) 105,740 shares of Class A Common Stock, which are held by the Geaton and Josephine DeCesaris Family Trust.														
5. The Reporting Person is trustee and beneficiary of the Geaton A. DeCesaris Charitable Remainder Unitrust. The Reporting Person continues to report beneficial ownership of all of the Class A Common Stock held by the unitrust but disclaims beneficial ownership except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.														
<b>Remarks:</b>														
Code V (A) (D) Date Exercisable Expiration Date <u>Nancy A. Marrazzo</u> Amount or Number <u>09/22/2004</u>														

\*\* 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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