UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): June 2, 2004

HOVNANIAN ENTERPRISES, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

1-8551 (Commission File Number) **22-1851059** (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

10 Highway 35, P.O. Box 500 Red Bank, New Jersey 07701 (Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

(732) 747-7800

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Item 7. Financial Statements, Pro Forma Financial Information and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits.

Exhibit 99.1 Earnings Press Release—Fiscal Second Quarter Ended April 30, 2004.

Item 12. Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On June 2, 2004, Hovnanian Enterprises, Inc. issued a press release announcing its preliminary financial results for the fiscal second quarter ended April 30, 2004. A copy of the Earnings Press Release is attached as Exhibit 99.1.

The information in this Current Report on Form 8-K and the Exhibit attached hereto is being furnished and shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or otherwise subject to the liability of that section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

The Earnings Press Release contains information about EBITDA, a non-GAAP financial measure. The most directly comparable GAAP financial measure to EBITDA is net income. A reconciliation of EBITDA to net income is contained in the Earnings Press Release.

Management believes EBITDA to be relevant and useful information as EBITDA is a standard measure commonly reported and widely used by analysts, investors and others to measure our financial performance and our ability to service our debt obligations. EBITDA is also one of several metrics used by our management to measure the cash generated from our operations. EBITDA does not take into account substantial costs of doing business, such as income taxes and interest expense. While many in the financial community consider EBITDA to be an important measure of comparative operating performance, it should be considered in addition to, but not as a substitute for, income before income taxes, net income, cash flow provided by operating activities and other measures of financial performance prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States that are presented on the financial statements included in the Company's reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Additionally, our calculation of EBITDA may be different than the calculation used by other companies, and, therefore, comparability may be affected.

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

	HOVNANI. (Registrant)	AN ENTERPRISES, INC.
	By:	/s/ J. LARRY SORSBY
		J. Larry Sorsby Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
Date: June 2, 2004		

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News Release

Brian A. Cheripka Assistant Director of Investor Relations 732-747-7800

HOVNANIAN ENTERPRISES REPORTS RECORD SECOND QUARTER REVENUES, EARNINGS, DELIVERIES AND BACKLOG; RAISES FISCAL 2004 EARNINGS PROJECTION

Highlights for the Second Quarter Ended April 30, 2004

- Net earnings reached a record \$1.06 per fully diluted share for the quarter, a 33% increase from \$0.80 per fully diluted share in last year's second quarter. Hovnanian achieved record net earnings of \$70.5 million for the quarter, and total revenues increased to \$918.8 million.
- 93% of net earnings for the quarter were generated from the Company's organic operations, which exclude earnings from acquisitions closed since the beginning of the second quarter of fiscal 2003.
- Earnings for the trailing twelve months ended April 30, 2004 represent a return on beginning equity (ROE) of 44.0% and an after tax return on beginning capital (ROC) of 24.8%.
- Management is increasing its projection for full year fiscal 2004 earnings to exceed \$5.00 per fully diluted share, representing more than a 27% increase from record earnings of \$3.93 per fully diluted share in fiscal 2003.
- EBITDA increased 36% to \$139.4 million, covering interest 6.3 times for the second quarter. The Company's ratio of net recourse debt-tocapitalization at quarter end was 48.9%, after taking into consideration approximately \$123 million of cash on the balance sheet.
- The dollar value of net contracts for the second quarter grew 62% to \$1.5 billion on 4,911 homes, compared to \$912 million on 3,398 homes in the second quarter of fiscal 2003.
- Contract backlog as of April 30, 2004 was 8,093 homes, with a sales value of \$2.4 billion, up 69% from the sales value of homes in last year's second quarter backlog.

RED BANK, NJ, June 2, 2004—Hovnanian Enterprises, Inc. (NYSE: HOV), a leading national homebuilder, reported net income of \$70.5 million, or \$1.06 per fully diluted share, on \$918.8 million in total revenue for the second quarter ended April 30, 2004. Last year's second quarter net income was \$52.6 million, or \$0.80 per fully diluted share, on total revenue of \$679.8 million. In the second quarter, Hovnanian Enterprises completed a 2-for-1 stock split in the form of a 100% stock dividend. All earnings per share presentations have been restated to reflect the effect of the split.

Net contracts increased 45% in the second quarter to 4,911 homes, from 3,398 homes in the second quarter of 2003. Net contracts for the second quarter of fiscal 2004 include 138 homes from unconsolidated joint ventures, compared to 9 homes during the same period in fiscal 2003. Deliveries in the second quarter of fiscal 2004 were 3,372 homes, which included 19 homes from unconsolidated joint ventures, with an aggregate sales value of \$909.4 million. This compares to 2,507 homes delivered with an aggregate sales value of \$668.7 million in the second quarter of fiscal 2003, including 11 home deliveries from unconsolidated joint ventures. Contract backlog increased to 8,093 homes, including 237 homes from unconsolidated joint ventures, compared to 5,318 homes, with 18 homes from unconsolidated joint ventures, in last year's second quarter.

Consolidated earnings before interest expenses, income taxes, depreciation and amortization ("EBITDA") for the second quarter rose 36% to \$139.4 million from \$102.8 million in the second

Contact: Kevin C. Hake Vice President and Treasurer 732-747-7800 quarter of 2003. EBITDA covered the amount of interest incurred in the quarter by 6.3 times. Total selling, general and administrative expense, including corporate expense, as a percentage of total revenues decreased to 10.4% in the second quarter of 2004, a 30 basis point decline from 10.7% in the same period of fiscal 2003. Shareholders' equity grew 8% during the quarter to \$970.2 million from \$898.9 million at the end of the first quarter.

For the six months ended April 30, 2004, revenue reached \$1.7 billion, up 30% compared to \$1.3 billion for the year earlier period. Net income for the first six months of fiscal 2004 increased to \$128.2 million, or \$1.93 per fully diluted share, compared to \$97.3 million, or \$1.48 per fully diluted share, in 2003. The dollar value of year-to-year net contracts during the six-month period increased by 62% and the number of home deliveries rose by 31%, including the impact of unconsolidated joint ventures.

Comments from Management

"Once again we have delivered an excellent quarter for revenues and earnings," said Ara K. Hovnanian, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company. "Many of our strategic growth initiatives continue to show signs of progress as we look to expand our businesses through a combination of organic growth and selective acquisitions. Our operations continue to be strong, as evidenced by our 34% year over year growth in second quarter earnings. At the same time, we continue to produce significant returns for our shareholders, with a return on beginning equity for the trailing twelve months of 44.0%," he said. "We are continuously seeking ways to improve our operational efficiency, reduce overall costs and identify new ways to create sustainable competitive advantages. As part of our commitment to capitalize on our increased size and geographic diversification, we plan to strengthen our brand identity by changing the name under which we operate in several markets to K. Hovnanian Homes. This is important as a strengthened brand identity is consistent with our focus on being a significant builder in each of our markets and will ultimately lead to greater advantages in terms of market share, land acquisition, pricing power and customer satisfaction," Mr. Hovnanian said.

"While interest rates increased 50 basis points during the quarter, our net contracts increased 45%. Interest rates remain at a low absolute level relative to historical peaks, and we feel comfortable that the Federal Reserve will manage any increase in rates in a steady fashion as the economy gains strength," Mr. Hovnanian said. "We can't recall a time when the national economy was strengthening, as it is now, and housing didn't continue to perform well, despite a rising rate environment. Our market share gains, along with steady underlying demand for housing based on demographics and increasing constraints on the availability of new homes, continue to drive a healthy level of new home sales in most of our markets. Importantly, we did not exhibit the decline that was reported last week in national housing starts for April. Our net contracts during April were up 39% over the prior year. These market conditions, combined with our wide range of product offerings, including our focus on the active adult segment, will continue to create a healthy environment for home sales and will help us achieve our growth objectives for the next several years," Mr. Hovnanian continued.

"Our 69% increase in the dollar value of our contract backlog at quarter-end gives us increased confidence that we will meet or exceed our earnings goal for fiscal 2004. We are increasing our projection for the current fiscal year to exceed \$5.00 per fully diluted share, net of all non-cash charges and ongoing amortization of definite-life intangibles," Mr. Hovnanian stated. "This revised earnings projection represents in excess of a 27% increase from last year's record earnings of \$3.93 per fully diluted share, and is on top of the 59% compounded growth in earnings that we have achieved over the past five years. Fiscal 2004 revenue is expected to climb more than 28% to \$4.1 billion on deliveries of 14,400 homes," he concluded.

"We continue to have ample liquidity on our balance sheet to meet our growth objectives for the future," said J. Larry Sorsby, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer. "There was no outstanding balance on the Company's unsecured revolving credit facility at the end of the quarter, and we had approximately \$123 million in cash," he stated. "Our ratio of net recourse debt-to-capitalization at April 30, 2004 was 48.9%. We anticipate that the Company's average net debt-to-capitalization ratio for fiscal 2004 will be at or below 50%, in line with our target. During the quarter, both Moody's Investor Service and Standard and Poor's increased the Company's ratings outlook from "Stable" to "Positive", validating the strength of our credit profile," Mr. Sorsby continued.

"After the close of the second quarter, we redeemed all of our outstanding 9¹/8% Senior Notes due 2009, resulting in a \$0.08 non-cash charge that will be taken in our fiscal third quarter," Mr. Sorsby said. "In addition, as a result of a decision that we made in May to change our Forecast Homes brand name in California to K. Hovnanian Homes, the Company expects to incur \$0.15 per fully diluted share of additional amortization of intangibles in the third and fourth quarters of fiscal 2004. These additional charges will have a combined impact of \$0.23 on our earnings per fully diluted share for fiscal 2004 and have been factored into our updated financial projections," he added. "Despite these additional charges this year, we expect our earnings to grow nearly 30% this year over last year's record results. Excluding these additional charges, our projected earnings for fiscal 2004 would exceed \$5.23 per fully diluted share, over a 33% increase from our earnings per fully diluted share for fiscal 2003, and an increase of \$0.48 over our previous projection of more than \$4.75 per fully diluted share. And by amortizing the intangibles associated with the Forecast Homes name, we will eliminate \$50 million of intangibles from our balance sheet. We plan to amortize about 80% of these intangibles over the next 18 months," he concluded.

In Closing

"Our team of associates continues to put forth an outstanding effort in executing our business strategies," commented Mr. Hovnanian. "We remain focused on achieving our growth objectives and are confident that our actions have positioned us for long-term financial strength and a double digit increase in earnings in fiscal 2005," he concluded.

Hovnanian Enterprises will webcast its second quarter earnings conference call at 11:00 a.m. E.D.T. tomorrow morning, June 3, 2004, hosted by Ara K. Hovnanian, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company. The webcast can be accessed live through the "Investor Relations" section of Hovnanian Enterprises' Web site at *http://www.khov.com*. For those who are not available to listen to the live webcast, an archive of the broadcast will be available under the "Webcast" section of the Investor News page on the Hovnanian Web site at *http://www.khov.com*. The archive will be available for 12 months.

The Company has updated its summary projection for the fiscal year ending October 31, 2004. The summary projection is available on the Company Projection page of the "Investor Relations" section of the Company's website at *http://www.khov.com*.

Hovnanian Enterprises, Inc., founded in 1959 by Kevork S. Hovnanian, Chairman, is headquartered in Red Bank, New Jersey. The Company is one of the nation's largest homebuilders with operations in Arizona, California, Florida, Maryland, Minnesota, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Texas, Virginia and West Virginia. The Company's homes are marketed and sold under the trade names K. Hovnanian, Washington Homes, Goodman Homes, Matzel & Mumford, Diamond Homes, Westminster Homes, Fortis Homes, Forecast Homes, Parkside Homes, Brighton Homes, Parkwood Builders, Summit Homes, Great Western Homes and Windward Homes. As the developer of K. Hovnanian's Four Seasons communities, the Company is also one of the nation's largest builders of active adult homes.

Additional information on Hovnanian Enterprises, Inc., including a summary investment profile and the Company's 2003 annual report, can be accessed through the Investors page of the Hovnanian Web site at *http://www.khov.com*. To be added to Hovnanian's investor e-mail or fax lists, please send an e-mail to *IR@khov.com* or sign up at *http://www.khov.com*.

Non-GAAP Financial Measures:

EBITDA is not a generally accepted accounting principle (GAAP) financial measure. The most directly comparable GAAP financial measure is net income. The reconciliation of EBITDA to net income is presented in a table attached to this earnings release.

Note: All statements in this Press Release that are not historical facts should be considered as "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Act of 1995. Such statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause actual results, performance or achievements of the Company to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements. Such risks, uncertainties and other factors include, but are not limited to, (1) changes in general and local economic and business conditions, (2) weather conditions, (3) changes in market conditions, (4) changes in home prices and sales activity in the markets where the Company builds homes, (5) government regulation, including regulations concerning development of land, the homebuilding process and the environment, (6) fluctuations in interest rates and the availability of mortgage financing, (7) shortages in and price fluctuations of raw materials and labor, (8) the availability and cost of suitable land and improved lots, (9) levels of competition, (10) availability of financing to the Company, (11) utility shortages and outages or rate fluctuations, (12) geopolitical risks, terrorist acts and other acts of war and (13) other factors described in detail in the Company's Form 10-K for the year ended October 31, 2003.

(Financial Tables Follow)

Hovnanian Enterprises, Inc. April 30, 2004 Statements of Consolidated Income (Dollars in Thousands, Except Per Share)

	Three Months Ended, April 30,					Six Months Ended, April 30,			
	2004		2003		2004			2003	
				(U	naud	ited)			
Total Revenues	\$	918,808	\$	679,817	\$	1,694,023	\$	1,307,452	
Costs and Expenses		806,651		595,389	_	1,489,171	_	1,151,888	
Income Before Income Taxes		112,157		84,428		204,852		155,564	
Provision for Taxes	_	41,685	_	31,860	_	76,669	_	58,235	
Net Income	\$	70,472	\$	52,568	\$	128,183	\$	97,329	
Per Share Data:									
Basic:									
Income per common share	\$	1.13	\$	0.84	\$	2.05	\$	1.56	
Weighted Average Number of Common Shares Outstanding		62,608		62,286		62,473		62,512	
Assuming Dilution:									
Income per common share	\$	1.06	\$	0.80	\$	1.93	\$	1.48	
Weighted Average Number of Common Shares Outstanding		66,408		65,522		66,393		65,888	

							Six Montl	lding Gross Margin Months Ended April 30,			
	2004			2003		2004			2003		
				(1	J naudited)						
Sale of Homes	\$	900,943	\$	666,553	\$	1,65	58,216	\$	1,274,	,054	
Cost of Sales		673,778		496,130		1,23	36,678		953,	,656	
Homebuilding Gross Margin	\$	227,165	\$	170,423	\$	42	21,538	\$	320,	,398	
Gross Margin Percentage	tage 25.2% 25.6 Land Sales Gross Three Months I April 30,				Margin					25.1%	
			:	2004	2003	:	2004		2003		
					(Una	(Unaudited)					
Land and Lot Sales Cost of Sales			\$	446 \$ 328	1,298 1,089	\$	1,585 1,363	\$	9,750 6,741		
Land and Lot Gross Margin			\$	118 \$	209	\$	222	\$	3,009		

Hovnanian Enterprises, Inc. April 30, 2004 Reconciliation of EBITDA to Net Income (Dollars in Thousands)

	Three Mont April			ths Ended ril 30,	
	2004	2003	2004	2003	
		(Unauc	lited)		
Net Income	70,472	52,568	128,183	97,329	
Income Taxes	41,685	31,860	76,669	58,235	
Interest expense	19,096	13,425	36,039	27,104	
EBIT(1)	131,253	97,853	240,891	182,668	
Depreciation	1,509	1,656	3,003	3,225	
Amortization Debt Fees	1,302	316	1,765	637	
Amortization of Intangibles	4,591	1,806	9,399	2,306	
Other Amortization	791	1,156	1,833	2,323	
EBITDA(2)	139,446	102,787	256,891	191,159	
INTEREST INCURRED	22,204	15,305	43,791	30,425	
EBITDA TO INTEREST INCURRED	6.28	6.72	5.87	6.28	

(1) EBIT is a non-GAAP financial measure. The most directly comparable GAAP financial measure is net income. EBIT represents earnings before interest expense and income taxes.

(2) EBITDA is a non-GAAP financial measure. The most directly comparable GAAP financial measure is net income. EBITDA represents earnings before interest expense, income taxes, depreciation and amortization.

Hovnanian Enterprises, Inc. April 30, 2004 Interest Incurred, Expensed and Capitalized (Dollars in Thousands)

 	ded		ed			
2004		2003		2004		2003
		(Una	ıdited)			
\$ 29,477	\$	23,600	\$	24,833	\$	22,159
22,204		15,305		43,791		30,425
19,096		13,425		36,039		27,104
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Hovnanian Enterprises, Inc. April 30, 2004 Summary Financial Projection (Dollars in Millions, Except Per Share or Where Noted) (Unaudited)

	 Fiscal Year 10/31/2001		Fiscal Year 10/31/2002	_	Fiscal Year 10/31/2003	_	Trailing 12 Mos. 4/30/2004		Projection Fiscal Year 10/31/2004*
Total Revenues (\$ Billion)	\$ 1.7	\$	2.6	\$	3.2	\$	3.4	> \$	4.1
Income Before Income Taxes	\$ 106.4	\$	225.7	\$	411.5	\$	439.2	> \$	535.4
Pre-tax Margin	6.1%	Ď	8.8%)	12.9%	ó	12.8%	>	13.0%
Net Income	\$ 63.7	\$	137.7	\$	257.4	\$	275.3	> \$	333.0
Earnings Per Share (fully diluted)	\$ 1.15	\$	2.14	\$	3.93	\$	4.19	> \$	5.00

* 2004 Projection is based on two quarters of actual data and two quarters of projected results.

HOVNANIAN ENTERPRISES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (In Thousands)

		April 30, 2004		ctober 31, 2003
	(unaudited)		
ASSETS				
Homebuilding:	.		<i>•</i>	101.010
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	122,856	\$	121,913
Inventories—At the lower of cost or fair value:				
Sold and unsold homes and lots under development		1,537,880		1,184,907
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Land and land options held for future development or sale		308,310		270,502
Consolidated Inventory Not Owned:				
Specific performance options		33,978		56,082
Variable interest entities		260,329		100,327
Other options		36,368		48,226
Total Consolidated Inventory Not Owned		330,675		204,635
Total Inventories		2,176,865		1,660,044
Receivables, deposits, and notes		53,149		42,506
Property, plant, and equipment—net		32,614		26,263
Prepaid expenses and other assets		127,129		106,525
Goodwill and indefinite life intangibles		82,658		82,658
Definite life intangibles		81,269		56,978
Total Homebuilding		2,676,540		2,096,887
Financial Services:				
Cash and cash equivalents		9,459		6,308
Mortgage loans held for sale		115,231		224,052
Other assets		5,030		3,945
Total Financial Services		129,720		234,305
Income Taxes Receivable—Including deferred tax benefits		29,044		1,179
Total Assets	\$	2,835,304	\$	2,332,371

HOVNANIAN ENTERPRISES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (In Thousands)

		April 30, 2004		October 31, 2003
	(1	unaudited)		
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY				
Homebuilding:				
Nonrecourse land mortgages	\$	34,139	\$	43,795
Accounts payable and other liabilities		251,549		230,696
Customers' deposits		85,042		58,376
Liabilities from inventory not owned		61,568		94,780
Total Homebuilding		432,298	_	427,647
Financial Services:			_	
Accounts payable and other liabilities		4,467		5,917
Mortgage warehouse line of credit		107,167		166,711
Total Financial Services		111,634		172,628
Notes Payable:			_	
Term loan				115,000
Senior notes		752,444		387,166
Senior subordinated notes		300,000		300,000
Accrued interest		22,197		15,675
Total Notes Payable		1,074,641		817,841
			_	
Total Liabilities		1,618,573	_	1,418,116
Minority interest from inventory not owned		238,827		90,252
Minority interest from consolidated joint ventures		7,719		4,291
Casalihaldawi Eurijimi				
Stockholders' Equity: Preferred Stock, \$.01 par value-authorized 100,000 shares; none issued				
Common Stock, Class A, \$.01 par value-authorized 100,000 shares, inche issued 56,727,469 shares at April 30, 2004 and 56,036,116 shares at October 31, 2003 (including 10,293,302				
shares at April 30, 2004 and 10,780,436 shares at October 31, 2003 held in Treasury)		567		560
Common Stock, Class B, \$.01 par value (convertible to Class A at time of sale) authorized		507		500
30,000,000 shares; issued 15,386,367 shares at April 30, 2004 and 15,537,016 shares at				
October 31, 2003 (including 691,748 shares at April 30, 2004 and October 31, 2003 held in Treasury)		154		155
Paid in Capital		183,220		163,355
Retained Earnings		833,365		705,182
Treasury Stock—at cost		(47,121)		(49,540)
Total Stockholders' Equity		970,185		819,712
Total Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity	\$	2,835,304	\$	2,332,371
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HOVNANIAN ENTERPRISES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME (In Thousands Except Per Share Data) (Unaudited)

		Three Mor Apr	nths Er il 30,	nded			hs End il 30,	hs Ended il 30,		
		2004		2003		2004		2003		
Revenues:										
Homebuilding:										
Sale of homes	\$	900,943	\$	666,553	\$	1,658,216	\$	1,274,054		
Land sales and other revenues	_	4,395		2,365	_	7,564		12,004		
Total Homebuilding		905,338		668,918		1,665,780		1,286,058		
Financial Services		13,470		10,899		28,243		21,394		
Total Revenues		918,808		679,817		1,694,023		1,307,452		
Expenses:										
Homebuilding:										
Cost of sales		674,106		497,219		1,238,041		960,397		
Selling, general and administrative		80,512		59,598		152,305		113,899		
Inventory impairment loss	_	734		1,326	_	792	_	1,484		
Total Homebuilding		755,352		558,143		1,391,138		1,075,780		
Financial Services		8,670		6,173		16,697		11,994		
Corporate General and Administrative		14,694		13,464		29,218		28,048		
Interest		19,096		13,425		36,039		27,104		
Other Operations		4,248		2,378		6,680		6,656		
Intangible Amortization	_	4,591		1,806	_	9,399	_	2,306		
Total Expenses		806,651		595,389		1,489,171		1,151,888		
Income Before Income Taxes	_	112,157		84,428		204,852		155,564		
State and Federal Income Taxes:										
State		6,416		3,335		12,656		6,435		
Federal		35,269		28,525		64,013		51,800		
Total Taxes	_	41,685	_	31,860	_	76,669	_	58,235		
Net Income	\$	70,472	\$	52,568	\$	128,183	\$	97,329		
Per Share Data:										
Basic:										
Income per common share	\$	1.13	\$		\$	2.05	\$	1.56		
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding Assuming dilution:		62,608		62,286		62,473		62,512		
Income per common share	\$	1.06	\$		\$	1.93	\$	1.48		
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding		66,408		65,522		66,393		65,888		

HOVNANIAN ENTERPRISES, INC. (DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS EXCEPT AVG. PRICE)

Communities Under Development Six Months - 4/30/04

	Six N	et Contracts Aonths Ended 80-Apr-04		Six M	Deliveries Aonths Ended 80-Apr-04			tract Backlog 30-Apr-04	
-	2004	2003	% Change	2004	2003	% Change	2004	2003	% Change
- Northeast Region									
Homes	1,550	1,007	53.9%	1,309	893	46.6%	2,440	2,024	20.6%
Dollars	510,609	320,391	59.4%	400,528	284,918	40.6%	733,520	538,742	36.2%
Avg. Price Southeast Region	329,425	318,164	3.5%	305,980	319,057	(4.1)%	300,623	266,177	12.9%
Homes	2,143	1,535	39.6%	1,774	1,244	42.6%	2,592	1,531	69.3%
Dollars	592,990	397,360	49.2%	444,547	314,282	41.4%	750,663	423,614	77.2%
Avg. Price Southwest Region	276,710	258,866	6.9%	250,590	252,638	(0.8)%	289,608	276,691	4.7%
Homes	1,873	1,085	72.6%	1,608	879	82.9%	1,254	645	94.4%
Dollars	323,925	212,905	52.1%	282,378	179,429	57.4%	204,621	128,786	58.9%
Avg. Price West Region	172,944	196,226	(11.9)%	175,608	204,129	(14.0)%	163,174	199,668	(18.3)%
Homes	2,340	1,901	23.1%	1,563	1,756	(11.0)%	1,570	1,100	42.7%
Dollars	832,706	546,086	52.5%	530,763	494,164	7.4%	587,174	336,741	74.4%
Avg. Price Other	355,857	287,262	23.9%	339,580	281,415	20.7%	373,996	306,128	22.2%
Homes	N/A	2	N/A	N/A	9	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Dollars	N/A	313	N/A	N/A	1,261	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Avg. Price Consolidated Total	N/A	156,500	N/A	N/A	140,111	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Homes	7,906	5,530	43.0%	6,254	4,781	30.8%	7,856	5,300	48.2%
Dollars	2,260,230	1,477,055	53.0%	1,658,216	1,274,054	30.2%	2,275,978	1,427,883	59.4%
Avg. Price Unconsolidated Joint Ventures	285,888	267,099	7.0%	265,145	266,483	(0.5)%	289,712	269,412	7.5%
Homes	230	16	1337.5%	29	21	38.1%	237	18	1216.7%
Dollars	135,786	3,248	4080.2%	11,310	4,173	171.0%	140,353	3,715	3678.2%
Avg. Price Total	590,372	203,019	190.8%	389,998	198,733	96.2%	592,208	206,381	186.9%
Homes	8,136	5,546	46.7%	6,283	4,802	30.8%	8,093	5,318	52.2%
Dollars	2,396,016	1,480,303	61.9%	1,669,526	1,278,227	30.6%	2,416,331	1,431,598	68.8%
Avg. Price DELIVERIES INCLUDE EXTRAS	294,496	266,914	10.3%	265,721	266,186	(0.2)%	298,571	269,199	10.9%

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Communities Under Development Three Months - 4/30/04

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	2004	2003	% Change	2004	2003	% Change	2004	2003	% Change
Northeast Region									
Homes	919	639	43.8%	669	462	44.8%	2,440	2,024	20.6%
Dollars	307,127	204,944	49.9%	208,620	148,155	40.8%	733,520	538,741	36.2%
Avg. Price Southeast Region	334,197	320,726	4.2%	311,839	320,682	(2.8)%	300,623	266,176	12.9%
Homes	1,276	949	34.5%	987	621	58.9%	2,592	1,531	69.3%
Dollars	351,922	248,323	41.7%	253,485	156,162	62.3%	750,663	423,615	77.2%
Avg. Price Southwest Region	275,801	261,668	5.4%	256,824	251,469	2.1%	289,608	276,692	4.7%
Homes	1,150	732	57.1%	884	520	70.0%	1,254	645	94.4%
Dollars	202,748	143,978	40.8%	154,564	106,767	44.8%	204,621	128,786	58.9%
Avg. Price West Region	176,303	196,691	(10.4)%	174,846	205,321	(14.8)%	163,174	199,668	(18.3)%
Homes	1,428	1,069	33.6%	813	893	(9.0)%	1,570	1,100	42.7%
Dollars	533,685	312,470	70.8%	284,274	255,469	11.3%	587,174	336,741	74.4%
Avg. Price Consolidated Total	373,729	292,301	27.9%	349,661	286,080	22.2%	373,996	306,128	22.2%
Homes	4,773	3,389	40.8%	3,353	2,496	34.3%	7,856	5,300	48.2%
Dollars	1,395,482	909,715	53.4%	900,943	666,553	35.2%	2,275,978	1,427,883	59.4%
Avg. Price Unconsolidated Joint Ventures	292,370	268,432	8.9%	268,698	267,048	0.6%	289,712	269,412	7.5%
Homes	138	9	N/A	19	11	N/A	237	18	N/A
Dollars	84,795	1,759	N/A	8,484	2,178	N/A	140,353	3,715	N/A
Avg. Price Total	614,454	195,450	N/A	446,547	197,986	N/A	592,208	206,381	N/A
Homes	4,911	3,398	44.5%	3,372	2,507	34.5%	8,093	5,318	52.2%
Dollars	1,480,277	911,474	62.4%	909,427	668,731	36.0%	2,416,331	1,431,598	68.8%
Avg. Price DELIVERIES INCLUDE EXTRAS	301,421	268,238	12.4%	269,700	266,745	1.1%	298,571	269,199	10.9%

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Exhibit 99.1

HOVNANIAN ENTERPRISES REPORTS RECORD SECOND QUARTER REVENUES, EARNINGS, DELIVERIES AND BACKLOG; RAISES FISCAL 2004 EARNINGS PROJECTION

HOVNANIAN ENTERPRISES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (In Thousands) HOVNANIAN ENTERPRISES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (In Thousands) HOVNANIAN ENTERPRISES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME (In Thousands Except Per Share Data) (Unaudited)