

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* DECESARIS GEATON A JR			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol HOVNIAN 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 Homebld and CCO		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/09/2003					
10 HIGHWAY 35			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		
(Street) RED BANK NJ 07701								
(City) (State) (Zip)								

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	09/09/2003		S		200	D	\$63.35	74,800	I	Held by the Geaton A. DeCesaris, Jr. Charitable Remainder Unitrust ⁽²⁾
Class A Common Stock	09/09/2003		S		1,000	D	\$64.5	73,800	I	Held by the Geaton A. DeCesaris, Jr. Charitable Remainder Unitrust ⁽²⁾
Class A Common Stock	09/09/2003		S		16,100	D	\$63.32	57,700	I	Held by the Geaton A. DeCesaris, Jr. Charitable Remainder Unitrust ⁽²⁾
Class A Common Stock	09/09/2003		S		1,800	D	\$63.45	55,900	I	Held by the Geaton A. DeCesaris, Jr. Charitable Remainder Unitrust ⁽²⁾
Class A Common Stock	09/09/2003		S		900	D	\$63.42	55,000	I	Held by the Geaton A. DeCesaris, Jr. Charitable Remainder Unitrust ⁽²⁾
Class A Common Shares	09/09/2003		S		2,800	D	\$64.84	427,796	D	
Class A Common Shares	09/09/2003		S		1,700	D	\$64.5	426,096	D	
Class A Common Shares	09/09/2003		S		300	D	\$63.27	425,796	D	
Class A Common Shares	09/09/2003		S		700	D	\$63.2	425,096	D	
Class A Common Shares	09/09/2003		S		600	D	\$63.37	424,496	D	
Class A Common Shares	09/09/2003		S		400	D	\$63.31	424,096	D	
Class A Common Shares	09/09/2003		S		1,000	D	\$63.36	423,096	D	
Class A Common Shares	09/09/2003		S		100	D	\$63.45	422,996	D	
Class A Common Shares	09/09/2003		S		300	D	\$63.41	422,696	D	
Class A Common Shares	09/09/2003		S		100	D	\$63.4	422,596	D	
Class A Common Shares	09/09/2003		S		1,000	D	\$63.4	421,596	D	
Class A Common Shares	09/09/2003		S		400	D	\$63.4	421,196	D	
Class A Common Shares	09/09/2003		S		200	D	\$63.4	420,996	D	
Class A Common Shares	09/09/2003		S		200	D	\$63.2	420,796	D	
Class A Common Shares	09/09/2003		S		500	D	\$63.2	420,296	D	
Class A Common Shares	09/09/2003		S		300	D	\$63.2	419,996	D	
Class A Common Shares	09/09/2003		S		100	D	\$63.06	419,896	D	
Class A Common Shares	09/09/2003		S		400	D	\$63.05	419,496	D	
Class A Common Shares	09/09/2003		S		500	D	\$63.05	418,996	D	
Class A Common Shares	09/09/2003		S		1,000	D	\$63.05	417,996	D	
Class A Common Shares	09/09/2003		S		200	D	\$63.17	417,796	D	
Class A Common Shares	09/09/2003		S		1,800	D	\$63.15	415,996	D	
Class A Common Shares	09/09/2003		S		400	D	\$63.2	415,596	D	
Class A Common Shares	09/09/2003		S		900	D	\$63.2	414,696	D	
Class A Common Shares	09/09/2003		S		63,111 ⁽¹⁾	D	\$63.38	351,585 ⁽³⁾	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				

Explanation of Responses:

1. 63,111 shares consist of the following trades: 200@63.20;200@63.20;300@63.20;300@63.45;1000@63.45; 400@63.45; 200@63.45; 900@63.45; 600@63.45; 400@63.45;600@63.45;500@63.45;400@63.45; 500@63.45;100@63.45;100@63.45;500@63.45;400@63.45; 200@63.53; 400@63.50;4,400@63.50;0 400@63.43;600@63.40;4,000@63.40;100@63.25;100@63.20;100@63.20;300@63.20;3,400@63.20;811@63.30;400@63.30;100@63.30;1,000@63.30;1,000@63.30;1,000@63.30; 400@63.30;1,000@63.42; 500@63.35;100@63.27;3,900@63.26;1,000@63.35;400@63.35;400@63.35;500@63.35;400@63.35;200@63.35;100@63.35;100@63.35;500@63.35;100@63.38;100@63.36;1,100@63.35;600@63.35;800@63.31;1,500@63.30;1,000@63.38;1,000@63.38;1,000@63.38;900@63.38;500@63.40;200@63.40;500@63.40;800@63.4

2. The Reporting Person is trustee and beneficiary of the Geaton A. DeCesaris 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 of his pecuniary interest therein.

3. 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 he is the President, (ii) 72,870 shares of Class A Common Stock, which are held by the Geaton and Jo Person disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares held indirectly.

Remarks:

Anthony J. Maimone

09/11/2003

** 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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LIMITED POWER OF ATTORNEY

Know all by these presents, that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints each of Nancy Marrazzo, Peter S. Reinhart, Anthony J. Maimone and J. Larry Sorsby signing singly, the undersigned's true and lawful attorney-in-fact to:

- (1) execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as an officer and/or director of Hovnanian Enterprises, Inc. (the Company), Forms 3, 4, and 5 in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules thereunder;

- (2) do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Form 3, 4, or 5, complete and execute any amendment or amendments thereto, and timely file such form with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and any stock exchange or similar authority; and

- (3) take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the best interest of, or legally required by, the undersigned, it being understood that the documents executed by such attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Power of Attorney shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and conditions as such attorney-in-fact may approve in such attorney-in-fact's discretion.

The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary, or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorney-in-fact, or such attorney-in-fact's substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this power of attorney and the rights and powers herein granted. The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorneys-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, are not assuming, nor is the Company assuming, any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4, and 5 with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in securities issued by the Company, unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the foregoing attorneys-in-fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 14 day of July, 2003.

Witness: Peter S. Reinhart

/s/Geaton A. DeCesaris, Jr.