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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* DeCesaris, Geaton A. (Last) (First) (Middle) 10 Highway 35 P. O. Box 500 (Street) Red Bank, NJ 07701 (City) (State) (Zip)		2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Hovnanian Enterprises, Inc. (HOV)		6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) President of Homebuilding Operations and Chief Operating Officer	
3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)		4. Statement for Month/Day/Year January 10, 2003		7. 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 & 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transactions(s) (Instr. 3 & 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	Amount			
Class A Common Stock	1/10/03		A ⁽¹⁾			10,374	A	N/A	D
Class A Common Stock	1/10/03		P ⁽²⁾			3,357	D	\$33.46	D
Class A Common Stock	12/30/02		G ⁽³⁾	V		20,000	D		582,641 D

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).

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FORM 4 (continued) 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 & 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 & 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
					(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					
Phantom Stock Units	1-for-1	1/10/03		A ⁽⁴⁾		31,122		⁽⁵⁾ / ⁽⁶⁾	Class A Common Stock	31,122	31,122	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- (1) Grant of stock bonus payable on January 10, 2003.
- (2) Payment of tax liability incident to delivery of shares made on January 10, 2003 by withholding of a portion of such shares.
- (3) Gift to the DeCesaris Foundation Inc.
- (4) Grant of stock bonus payable on January 10, 2003 but deferred pursuant to Deferred Compensation Plan.
- (5) Payout to be made January 1, 2005 or upon the occurrence of certain other events set forth under the terms of Deferred Compensation Plan.
- (6) Payout to be made January 1, 2005 or upon the occurrence of certain other events set forth under the terms of Deferred Compensation Plan.

By: /s/ **Nancy A. Marrazzo** **January 13, 2003**
Attorney-in-fact Date
**Signature of Reporting Person

**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

- (1) Know all by these presents, that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints each of Nancy Marrazzo, Peter S. Reinhart and J. Larry Sorsby signing singly 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"),
- (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,
- (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

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 and proper to carry out the above and to execute the same. 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 under

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 13th day of September, 2002.

/s/ Peter S. Reinhart /s/ Geaton A. DeCesaris, Jr.
Witness: