

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <b>DECESARIS GEATON A JR</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 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <b>09/13/2004</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 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	09/13/2004		S		160	D	\$39.04	310,126 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	Held by the DeCesaris Family LLC #1
Class A Common Stock	09/13/2004		S		780	D	\$39.03	309,346 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	Held by the DeCesaris Family LLC #1
Class A Common Stock	09/13/2004		S		780	D	\$39.02	308,566 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	Held by the DeCesaris Family LLC #1
Class A Common Stock	09/13/2004		S		840	D	\$39.01	307,726 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	Held by the DeCesaris Family LLC #1
Class A Common Stock	09/13/2004		S		7,726	D	\$39	300,000 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	Held by the DeCesaris Family LLC #1
Class A Common Stock								60,000	I	Held by the Geaton A. DeCesaris, Jr. Charitable Remainder Unitrust <sup>(2)</sup>
Class A Common Stock								364,050 <sup>(3)</sup>	D	
Class A Common Stock								21,458	I	Held by Five Queens, Inc. <sup>(4)</sup>

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			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Class A Common Stock								105,740	I	Held by the Geaton and Josephine DeCesaris Family Trust <sup>(5)</sup>
Class A Common Stock								3,876	I	Held as custodian under UTMA for the Reporting Person's minor children <sup>(5)</sup>

**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					

**Explanation of Responses:**

- On September 13, 2004, the DeCesaris Family LLC #1 sold 51,430 shares of the Issuer's Class A Common Stock, of which 10,286 shares are attributable to the interest of a minor child of the Reporting Person. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares held by the LLC attributable to his children.
- 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 of his pecuniary interest therein.
- Includes 15 shares that the Reporting Person had not included in his original statement on Form 3 together with an additional 15 shares received as a result of the 2-for-1 stock split on March 15, 2004.
- Five Queens, Inc. is a subchapter S corporation owned by the Reporting Person's children and of which he is the President. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares.
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**Remarks:**

Nancy A. Marrazzo

09/15/2004

\*\* 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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