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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Sorsby, J. Larry (Last) (First) (Middle)			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) Chief Financial Officer and Director 14,489			
10 Highway 35 P. O. Box 500 (Street)			3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)			4. Statement for Month/Day/Year January 10, 2003			
Red Bank, NJ 07701 (City) (State) (Zip)			5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)			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 Transaction(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	(A) or (D)	Price		

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 Securities (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: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
					(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Phantom Stock Units	1-for-1	1/10/03		A(1)	14,489		(2)	(3)	Class A Common Stock	14,489		14,489	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- (1) Grant of stock bonus payable on January 10, 2003.
- (2) The stock vests in 25% increments beginning on November 1, 2003.
- (3) Distribution must be made as soon as practicable after vesting unless the reporting person has previously elected to defer such distributions.

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

- 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"),
- (1) 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,
 - (2) 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/ J. Larry Sorsby
Witness: