## FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* |                   |             | <ol> <li>Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br/>HOV</li> </ol>             |   |  |                                    | ol          | 6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s)<br>to Issuer (Check all applicable) |             |                       |
|--|-------------------|-------------|--|---|--|------------------------------------|-------------|--|-------------|-----------------------|
| Robbins, John J.                         |                   |             |  |   |  |                                    |             | X Director   |             | ner                   |
| (Last) (First) (Middle)                  |                   |             |  |   |  | 4. Statement for<br>Month/Day/Year |             | Officer (give title below)   | _Other (spe | ecify below)          |
| 10 Highway 35                            |                   |             | if an entity (voluntary)   |   |  | Decembe                            | er 31, 2002 |  | _           |                       |
| P. O. Box 500                            |                   |             |  |   |  |                                    |             |  |             |                       |
| (Street)                                 |                   |             |  |   |  | 5. If Amendment,                   |             | 7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)                |             |                       |
|  |                   |             |  |   |  | Date of Original                   |             | X Form filed by One Reporting Person                                       |             |                       |
| Red Bank,, NJ 07701                      |                   |             |  |   |  | (Month/Day/Year)                   |             | Form filed by More than One Reporting Person                               |             |                       |
|  |                   |             |  |   |  |                                    |             |  |             |                       |
| (City) (State) (Zip)                     |                   |             | Table I — Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned |   |  |                                    |             |  |             |                       |
| 1. Title of Security                     | 2. Trans-         | 2A. Deemed  | 3. Trans   | - | <ol> <li>Securities Acquire</li> </ol> | d (A) or D                         | isposed of  | 5. Amount of   | 6. Owner-   | 7. Nature of Indirect |
| (Instr. 3)                               | action            | Execution   | action   |   | (D)                                    |                                    |             | Securities   | ship Form:  | Beneficial Ownership  |
|  | Date              | Date,       | Code   |   | (Instr. 3, 4 & 5)                      |                                    |             | Beneficially   | Direct (D)  | (Instr. 4)            |
|  | (Month/           | if any      | (Instr. 8)   |   |  |                                    |             | Owned Follow-  | or Indirect |                       |
|  | Day/              | (Month/Day/ | Code   | V | Amount                                 | (A)                                | Price       | ing Reported Transactions(s)   | (I)         |                       |
|  | Year)             |             |  |   |  | or                                 |             | (Instr. 3 & 4)   | (Instr. 4)  |                       |
|  | Year)             | Year)       | 1  |   |  | 01                                 |             |  |             |                       |
|  | Year)             | Year)       |  |   |  | (D)                                |             | Î Î  | Ĺ           |                       |
| Class A Common                           | Year)<br>12/31/02 |             | A  |   | 631                                    | (D)                                |             | 631  | 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 2. Conver Number of Derivative 6. Date Title and Amou 8. Price of 9. Number o 11. Nature ЗA Derivative sion or Trans-Deemed Trans ecurities Acquired (A) or Exercisable of Underlying Derivative Derivative of Indirect Owner Disposed of (D) Security Exercise action Executio action and Expiration Securities Security Securities hip Beneficial Date (Month/Day Year) Price of Date Date, Code (Instr. 3 & 4) (Instr. 5) Beneficially orm Ownership (Instr. 3) Derivative if any Instr. 3, 4 & 5) Owned Instr. 4) Month Following Deriv Security Mont Inst Day/ Year) Day/ (ear) B) Reported tive Transaction( ecurit (Instr. 4) Direct (D) (D) Code (A) Date Expira Title Amount or xer Number of or Indirect isable Date Shares (I)

Explanation of Responses:

By: /s/ John J. Robbins

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

01/02/03 Date

\*\*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 sin( 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)

(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, nece 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 Witness:

/s/ John J. Robbins