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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>BUCHANAN PAUL W</u> _____ (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>110 WEST FRONT STREET</u> _____ (Street) <u>RED BANK NJ 07701</u> _____ (City) (State) (Zip)			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>HOVNANIAN ENTERPRISES INC [ HOV ]</u>			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>SVP Chief Accounting Officer</u>		
			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>06/03/2010</u>			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)					

**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	06/03/2010		M		15,000	A	\$3.2813	66,956	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
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$3.2813 <sup>(1)</sup>	06/03/2010		M		15,000 <sup>(1)</sup>			<sup>(2)</sup>	08/27/2010		15,000	\$0	0	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- The exercise price of, and the number of shares of Class A Common Stock underlying, the option have been adjusted to reflect stock splits
- The option vests in four equal annual installments beginning on August 28, 2003

**Remarks:**

Nancy A. Marrazzo Attorney-in-Fact 06/07/2010

\*\* 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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