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## FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| Valiaveedan David G.   (Last) (First) (Middle) |               | n*             | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br><u>HOVNANIAN ENTERPRISES INC</u> [ HOV<br>] |                        | tionship of Reporting Perso<br>all applicable)<br>Director<br>Officer (give title           | on(s) to Issuer<br>10% Owner<br>Other (specify |
|--|---------------|----------------|--|------------------------|---|--|
| (Last)(First)(Middle)110 WEST FRONT STREET     |               | (Middle)       | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 11/01/2010                                |                        | below)<br>VP Finance & Tre  | below)<br>easurer                              |
| (Street)<br>RED BANK<br>(City)                 | NJ<br>(State) | 07701<br>(Zip) | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                                   | 6. Indiv<br>Line)<br>X | idual or Joint/Group Filing<br>Form filed by One Repor<br>Form filed by More than<br>Person | ting Person                                    |

## Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | Code ( | ansaction Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and ode (Instr. 5) |        | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned Following<br>Reported | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |   |          |
|---------------------------------|--|---|--------|---|--------|---|---|---|---|----------|
|                                 |  |   | Code   | v   | Amount | (A) or<br>(D)   | Price   | Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4)                                |   | (1130.4) |
| Class A Common Stock            | 11/01/2010                                 |   | М      |   | 2,479  | Α   | \$0 <sup>(1)</sup>  | 8,190   | D |          |
| Class A Common Stock            | 11/01/2010                                 |   | F      |   | 782    | D   | \$3.54  | 7,408   | D |          |

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transa<br>Code (<br>8) |   | of<br>Deri<br>Sec<br>Acq<br>(A) (<br>Disp<br>of (I | osed<br>))<br>tr. 3, 4 | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |                    | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |  | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Number of<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 4) | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---|---|--|---|------------------------------|---|--|------------------------|--|--------------------|--|--|---|--|--|--|
|   |   |  |   | Code                         | v | (A)  | (D)                    | Date<br>Exercisable  | Expiration<br>Date | Title  | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |   |  |  |  |
| Phantom<br>Stock<br>Units<br>2007                   | (2)   | 11/01/2010                                 |   | М                            |   |  | 632                    | (3)  | (3)                | Class A<br>Common<br>Stock   | 632                                    | (1)   | 631  | D  |  |
| Phantom<br>Stock<br>Units<br>2009                   | (2)   | 11/01/2010                                 |   | М                            |   |  | 1,847                  | (4)  | (4)                | Class A<br>Common<br>Stock   | 1,847                                  | (1)   | 3,691  | D  |  |

Explanation of Responses:

1. N/A

2. Converts to Class A Common Stock on a one-for-one basis

3. The stock units vest in 25% increments beginning on November 1, 2008

4. The stock units vest in 25% increments beginning on November 1, 2009

Nancy A. Marrazzo Attorneyin-Fact Date

11/02/2010

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

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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