

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>DECESARIS GEATON A JR</u> <hr/> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>10 HIGHWAY 35</u> <hr/> (Street) <u>RED BANK NJ 07701</u> <hr/> (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) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)	
			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>03/24/2006</u>			
			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	

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			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Class A Common Stock	03/24/2006		S		6,400	D	\$45.8	193,600	I	Held by the DeCesaris Family LLC #1 <sup>(1)</sup>
Class A Common Stock	03/24/2006		S		8,300	D	\$45.81	185,300	I	Held by the DeCesaris Family LLC #1 <sup>(1)</sup>
Class A Common Stock	03/24/2006		S		13,600	D	\$45.82	171,700	I	Held by the DeCesaris Family LLC #1 <sup>(1)</sup>
Class A Common Stock	03/24/2006		S		2,000	D	\$45.83	169,700	I	Held by the DeCesaris Family LLC #1 <sup>(1)</sup>
Class A Common Stock	03/24/2006		S		13,000	D	\$45.84	156,700	I	Held by the DeCesaris Family LLC #1 <sup>(1)</sup>
Class A Common Stock	03/24/2006		S		22,700	D	\$45.85	134,000	I	Held by the DeCesaris Family LLC #1 <sup>(1)</sup>
Class A Common Stock	03/24/2006		S		6,300	D	\$45.86	127,700	I	Held by the DeCesaris Family LLC #1 <sup>(1)</sup>
Class A Common Stock	03/24/2006		S		2,000	D	\$45.88	125,700	I	Held by the DeCesaris Family LLC #1 <sup>(1)</sup>

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Class A Common Stock	03/24/2006		S		2,300	D	\$45.89	123,400	I	Held by the DeCesaris Family LLC #1 <sup>(1)</sup>
Class A Common Stock	03/24/2006		S		4,700	D	\$45.9	118,700	I	Held by the DeCesaris Family LLC #1 <sup>(1)</sup>
Class A Common Stock	03/24/2006		S		3,900	D	\$45.91	114,800	I	Held by the DeCesaris Family LLC #1 <sup>(1)</sup>
Class A Common Stock	03/24/2006		S		7,000	D	\$45.92	107,800	I	Held by the DeCesaris Family LLC #1 <sup>(1)</sup>
Class A Common Stock	03/24/2006		S		200	D	\$45.93	107,600	I	Held by the DeCesaris Family LLC #1 <sup>(1)</sup>
Class A Common Stock	03/24/2006		S		700	D	\$46	106,900	I	Held by the DeCesaris Family LLC #1 <sup>(1)</sup>
Class A Common Stock	03/24/2006		S		1,700	D	\$46.01	105,200	I	Held by the DeCesaris Family LLC #1 <sup>(1)</sup>
Class A Common Stock	03/24/2006		S		4,300	D	\$46.02	100,900	I	Held by the DeCesaris Family LLC #1 <sup>(1)</sup>
Class A Common Stock	03/24/2006		S		700	D	\$46.03	100,200	I	Held by the DeCesaris Family LLC #1 <sup>(1)</sup>
Class A Common Stock	03/24/2006		S		200	D	\$46.04	100,000	I	Held by the DeCesaris Family LLC #1 <sup>(1)</sup>
Class A Common Stock	03/24/2006		S		334	D	\$45.15	19,666	I	Held by the Geaton A. DeCesaris, Jr. Charitable Remainder Unitrust <sup>(2)</sup>

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Class A Common Stock	03/24/2006		S		377	D	\$45.16	19,289	I	Held by the Geaton A. DeCesaris, Jr. Charitable Remainder Unitrust <sup>(2)</sup>
Class A Common Stock	03/24/2006		S		291	D	\$45.19	18,998	I	Held by the Geaton A. DeCesaris, Jr. Charitable Remainder Unitrust <sup>(2)</sup>
Class A Common Stock	03/24/2006		S		376	D	\$45.2	18,622	I	Held by the Geaton A. DeCesaris, Jr. Charitable Remainder Unitrust <sup>(2)</sup>
Class A Common Stock	03/24/2006		S		41	D	\$45.21	18,581	I	Held by the Geaton A. DeCesaris, Jr. Charitable Remainder Unitrust <sup>(2)</sup>
Class A Common Stock	03/24/2006		S		209	D	\$45.24	18,372	I	Held by the Geaton A. DeCesaris, Jr. Charitable Remainder Unitrust <sup>(2)</sup>
Class A Common Stock	03/24/2006		S		84	D	\$45.25	18,288	I	Held by the Geaton A. DeCesaris, Jr. Charitable Remainder Unitrust <sup>(2)</sup>
Class A Common Stock	03/24/2006		S		376	D	\$45.27	17,912	I	Held by the Geaton A. DeCesaris, Jr. Charitable Remainder Unitrust <sup>(2)</sup>
Class A Common Stock	03/24/2006		S		209	D	\$45.29	17,703	I	Held by the Geaton A. DeCesaris, Jr. Charitable Remainder Unitrust <sup>(2)</sup>

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Class A Common Stock	03/24/2006		S		291	D	\$45.3	17,412	I	Held by the Geaton A. DeCesaris, Jr. Charitable Remainder Unitrust <sup>(2)</sup>
Class A Common Stock	03/24/2006		S		1,379	D	\$45.34	16,033	I	Held by the Geaton A. DeCesaris, Jr. Charitable Remainder Unitrust <sup>(2)</sup>
Class A Common Stock	03/24/2006		S		16,033 <sup>(3)</sup>	D	\$45.8145	0 <sup>(4)(5)</sup>	I	Held by the Geaton A. DeCesaris, Jr. Charitable Remainder Unitrust <sup>(2)</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)					

**Explanation of Responses:**

- The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares held by the family LLC except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein
- 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 to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein
- 16,033 consists of the following trades: 752@45.35; 753@45.36; 378@45.37; 167@45.39; 125@45.40; 752@45.48; 168@45.50; 418@45.51; 530@45.55; 167@45.56; 625@45.57; 167@45.58; 126@45.59; 125@45.60; 125@45.61; 126@45.62; 251@45.63; 167@45.64; 252@45.65; 125@45.68; 250@45.70; 209@45.71; 167@45.72; 209@45.74; 210@45.75; 125@45.81; 293@45.82; 208@45.85; 125@45.87; 125@45.90; 209@45.91; 710@45.93; 292@45.95; 209@45.96; 167@45.97; 836@46.00; 42@46.04; 417@46.08; 209@46.09; 543@46.10; 670@46.11; 418@46.12; 292@46.13; 251@46.14; 1129@46.15; 209@46.16; 167@46.17; 250@46.18; 291@46.19; 375@46.21; 127@46.22;
- In addition, the Reporting Person holds directly 162,101 shares of Class A Common Stock and indirectly (i) 289,566 shares of Class A Common Stock, which are held by the DeCesaris Family LLC #3 for which he disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares held by the LLC except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein, (ii) 21,458 shares of Class A Common stock which are held by Five Queens, Inc., a subchapter S corporation owned by the Reporting Person's children and of which he is the President
- In addition, 183,826 shares previously reported as directly owned and 105,740 shares previously reported as indirectly held by The Geaton and Josephine DeCesaris Family Trust were transferred to DeCesaris Family LLC #3.

**Remarks:**

Nancy A. Marrazzo Attorney-in-Fact      03/28/2006

\*\* 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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