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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>HOVNANIAN SIRWART</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 Officer (give title below) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) <u>Member of a 10% Owner Group</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>12/18/2012</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 <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 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	12/18/2012		G ⁽¹⁾	V	970,849	A	\$0.0000	970,849	I	Held by the Reporting Person through the LLC ⁽¹⁾
Class A Common Stock	12/18/2012		G ⁽¹⁾	V	970,849	D	\$0.0000	0.0000	I	Held by the Reporting Person through the LLC ⁽¹⁾
Class A Common Stock								440,000	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				
Class B Common Stock	(2)	12/18/2012		G ⁽¹⁾	V	3,883,395		(2)	(3)	Class A Common Stock	3,883,395	\$0.0000	3,883,395	I	Held by the Reporting Person through the LLC ⁽¹⁾
Class B Common Stock	(2)	12/18/2012		G ⁽¹⁾	V	3,883,395		(2)	(3)	Class A Common Stock	3,883,395	\$0.0000	0.0000	I	Held by the Reporting Person through the LLC ⁽¹⁾
Class B Common Stock	(2)							(2)	(3)	Class A Common Stock	17,842.23		17,842.23	I	Held by Reporting Person through partnership interests in the Limited Partnership

Explanation of Responses:

- On December 18, 2012, the Reporting Person received all of the limited liability company interests in a limited liability company that holds 970,849 shares of Class A Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share, non-cumulative ("Class A Common Stock"), and 3,883,395 shares of Class B Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share, non-cumulative ("Class B Common Stock"), from a trust for her benefit, which in turn had received the limited liability company interests pursuant to the Will of Kevork S. Hovnanian, deceased. The Reporting Person then transferred the limited liability company interests to trusts for the benefit of her children, for which she does not serve as trustee.
- The Class B Common Stock is immediately converted into an equal number of shares of Class A Common Stock.
- No expiration date

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** 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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