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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>SORSBY J LARRY</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>10 HIGHWAY 35</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) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Exec. VP and CFO</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>01/01/2006</u>	
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			

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					
Phantom Stock Units	(1)	01/01/2006		D			3,694	(2)	(3)	Class A Common Stock	3,694	(4)	11,082 ⁽⁵⁾	D
Phantom Stock Units	(1)	01/01/2006		D			5,694	(6)	(7)	Class A Common Stock	5,694	(4)	17,078 ⁽⁸⁾	D
Phantom Stock Units	(1)	01/01/2006		A			9,388	(9)	(9)	Class A Common Stock	9,388	(4)	9,388	D

Explanation of Responses:

- 1-for-1
- Original grant vests in 25% increments beginning on November 1, 2000
- Distribution must be made as soon as practicable after vesting unless the reporting person has previously elected to defer such distributions
- Not applicable
- On March 19, 2004, the common stock of Hovnanian Enterprises, Inc. split 2-for-1, resulting in 7,388 additional Phantom Stock Units held by the reporting person
- Original grant vests in 25% increments beginning on November 1, 2001
- Payout to be made on January 1, 2006 or upon the occurrence of certain other events set forth under the terms of Deferred Compensation Plan
- On March 19, 2004, the common stock of Hovnanian Enterprises, Inc. split 2-for-1, resulting in 11,386 additional Phantom Stock Units held by the reporting person
- Payout to be made on January 1, 2009 or upon the occurrence of certain other events set forth under the terms of Deferred Compensation Plan

Remarks:

Nancy A. Marrazzo, Attorney-in-Fact 01/04/2006

** 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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