

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* DECESARIS GEATON A JR (Last) (First) (Middle) 10 HIGHWAY 35 (Street) RED BANK NJ 07701 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol HOVNANIAN ENTERPRISES INC [HOV]	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) 09/10/2004	
	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

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	09/10/2004		S		529	D	\$38.63	109,471 ⁽¹⁾	I	Held by the Geaton A. DeCesaris, Jr. Charitable Remainder Unitrust ⁽²⁾
Class A Common Stock	09/10/2004		S		1,118	D	\$38.62	108,353	I	Held by the Geaton A. DeCesaris, Jr. Charitable Remainder Unitrust ⁽²⁾
Class A Common Stock	09/10/2004		S		1,824	D	\$38.61	106,529	I	Held by the Geaton A. DeCesaris, Jr. Charitable Remainder Unitrust ⁽²⁾
Class A Common Stock	09/10/2004		S		7,824	D	\$38.6	98,705	I	Held by the Geaton A. DeCesaris, Jr. Charitable Remainder Unitrust ⁽²⁾
Class A Common Stock	09/10/2004		S		353	D	\$38.59	98,352	I	Held by the Geaton A. DeCesaris, Jr. Charitable Remainder Unitrust ⁽²⁾

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Class A Common Stock	09/10/2004		S		235	D	\$38.58	98,117	I	Held by the Geaton A. DeCesaris, Jr. Charitable Remainder Unitrust ⁽²⁾
Class A Common Stock	09/10/2004		S		1,528	D	\$38.57	96,589	I	Held by the Geaton A. DeCesaris, Jr. Charitable Remainder Unitrust ⁽²⁾
Class A Common Stock	09/10/2004		S		705	D	\$38.56	95,884	I	Held by the Geaton A. DeCesaris, Jr. Charitable Remainder Unitrust ⁽²⁾
Class A Common Stock	09/10/2004		S		2,999	D	\$38.55	92,885	I	Held by the Geaton A. DeCesaris, Jr. Charitable Remainder Unitrust ⁽²⁾
Class A Common Stock	09/10/2004		S		1,588	D	\$38.54	91,297	I	Held by the Geaton A. DeCesaris, Jr. Charitable Remainder Unitrust ⁽²⁾
Class A Common Stock	09/10/2004		S		1,765	D	\$38.53	89,532	I	Held by the Geaton A. DeCesaris, Jr. Charitable Remainder Unitrust ⁽²⁾
Class A Common Stock	09/10/2004		S		1,177	D	\$38.52	88,355	I	Held by the Geaton A. DeCesaris, Jr. Charitable Remainder Unitrust ⁽²⁾
Class A Common Stock	09/10/2004		S		2,177	D	\$38.51	86,178	I	Held by the Geaton A. DeCesaris, Jr. Charitable Remainder Unitrust ⁽²⁾

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Class A Common Stock	09/10/2004		S		5,000	D	\$38.5	81,178	I	Held by the Geaton A. DeCesaris, Jr. Charitable Remainder Unitrust ⁽²⁾
Class A Common Stock	09/10/2004		S		530	D	\$38.9	80,648	I	Held by the Geaton A. DeCesaris, Jr. Charitable Remainder Unitrust ⁽²⁾
Class A Common Stock	09/10/2004		S		1,059	D	\$38.8	79,589	I	Held by the Geaton A. DeCesaris, Jr. Charitable Remainder Unitrust ⁽²⁾
Class A Common Stock	09/10/2004		S		2,941	D	\$38.75	76,648	I	Held by the Geaton A. DeCesaris, Jr. Charitable Remainder Unitrust ⁽²⁾
Class A Common Stock	09/10/2004		S		5,941	D	\$38.7	70,707	I	Held by the Geaton A. DeCesaris, Jr. Charitable Remainder Unitrust ⁽²⁾
Class A Common Stock	09/10/2004		S		59	D	\$38.69	70,648	I	Held by the Geaton A. DeCesaris, Jr. Charitable Remainder Unitrust ⁽²⁾
Class A Common Stock	09/10/2004		S		294	D	\$38.68	70,354	I	Held by the Geaton A. DeCesaris, Jr. Charitable Remainder Unitrust ⁽²⁾
Class A Common Stock	09/10/2004		S		4,118	D	\$38.67	66,236	I	Held by the Geaton A. DeCesaris, Jr. Charitable Remainder Unitrust ⁽²⁾

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Class A Common Stock	09/10/2004		S		1,177	D	\$38.66	65,059	I	Held by the Geaton A. DeCesaris, Jr. Charitable Remainder Unitrust ⁽²⁾
Class A Common Stock	09/10/2004		S		3,588	D	\$38.65	61,471	I	Held by the Geaton A. DeCesaris, Jr. Charitable Remainder Unitrust ⁽²⁾
Class A Common Stock	09/10/2004		S		1,471	D	\$38.64	60,000	I	Held by the Geaton A. DeCesaris, Jr. Charitable Remainder Unitrust ⁽²⁾
Class A Common Stock	12/31/2003		G	V	10,000	D	(3)	364,020 ⁽⁴⁾⁽⁵⁾	D	
Class A Common Stock								310,286 ⁽⁴⁾⁽⁶⁾	I	Held by the DeCesaris Family LLC #1
Class A Common Stock								21,458 ⁽⁷⁾	I	Held by Five Queens, Inc. ⁽⁸⁾⁽⁹⁾
Class A Common Stock								105,740 ⁽¹⁰⁾	I	Held by the Geaton and Josephine DeCesaris Family Trust ⁽⁹⁾
Class A Common Stock								3,876 ⁽⁴⁾	I	Held as custodian under UTMA for the Reporting Person's minor children ⁽⁹⁾

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					

Explanation of Responses:

1. On March 19, 2004, the common stock of Hovnanian Enterprises, Inc. split 2-for-1, resulting in 55,000 additional shares of Class A Common Stock deemed indirectly held by the Reporting Person.

2. The Reporting Person is trustee and beneficiary of the Geaton A. DeCesaris 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 of his pecuniary interest therein.

3. N/A

4. 150,000 shares previously reported as directly owned were transferred to DeCesaris Family LLC #1 On December 30, 2003, each of his children contributed additional shares to the LLC including 5,143 shares contributed by a minor child from an account for which the Reporting Person was custodian under the UTMA and which were previously reported as indirectly owned by the Reporting Person in that capacity. On March 19, 2004, the common stock of Hovnanian Enterprises, Inc. split 2-for-1, resulting in 7,081 additional shares of Class A Common Stock deemed indirectly held by the Reporting Person. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares held by the LLC attributable to his children.

5. On March 19, 2004, the common stock of Hovnanian Enterprises, Inc. split 2-for-1, resulting in 182,010 additional shares of Class A Common Stock held by the Reporting Person.

6. On March 19, 2004, the common stock of Hovnanian Enterprises, Inc. split 2-for-1, resulting in 150,000 additional shares of Class A Common Stock deemed indirectly held by the Reporting Person.

7. On March 19, 2004, the common stock of Hovnanian Enterprises, Inc. split 2-for-1, resulting in 10,729 additional shares of Class A Common Stock deemed indirectly held by the Reporting Person.

8. Five Queens, Inc. is a subchapter S corporation owned by the Reporting Person's children and of which he is the President.

9. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares.

10. On March 19, 2004, the common stock of Hovnanian Enterprises, Inc. split 2-for-1, resulting in 52,870 additional shares of Class A Common Stock deemed indirectly held by the Reporting Person.

Remarks:

Nancy A. Marrazzo

09/14/2004

** 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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