

DECESARIS GEATON A JR  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
DECESARIS GEATON A JR

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
HOVNIAN ENTERPRISES INC  
[HOV]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
10 HIGHWAY 35  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
01/01/2005

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

RED BANK, NJ 07701

(City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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 Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				(A) or (D)	Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8) Code	(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
				(A)	(D)				
Phantom Stock Units	<u>(1)</u>	01/01/2005	D		62,244 <u>(3)</u>	<u>(2)</u>	<u>(2)</u>	Class A Common Stock	62,244
Phantom Stock Units	<u>(1)</u>	01/01/2005	A	62,244		<u>(5)</u>	<u>(5)</u>	Class A Common Stock	62,244

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
DECESARIS GEATON A JR 10 HIGHWAY 35 RED BANK, NJ 07701		X		

## Signatures

Nancy A.  
Marrazzo

01/04/2005

    Signature of  
Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* 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).
- (1) 1-for-1
- (2) Payout to be made January 1, 2005, or upon the occurrence of certain other events set forth under the terms of Deferred Compensation Plan.
- (3) On March 19, 2004, the common stock of Hovnanian Enterprises, Inc. split 2-for-1, resulting in 31,122 additional Phantom Stock Units held by the reporting person.
- (4) Not applicable.
- (5) Payout to be made January 1, 2008, or upon the occurrence of certain other events set forth under the terms of Deferred Compensation Plan.

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