

HOVNANIAN ARA K
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FORM 4

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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 *
HOVNANIAN ARA K

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
HOVNANIAN 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)
01/01/2006

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

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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership Indirect Beneficial 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 (A) or	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8) Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number Shares
			Code	V				
Phantom Stock Units	(1)	01/01/2006	D	148,562 (2)	(3)	(3)	Class A Common Stock	148,5
Phantom Stock Units	(1)	01/01/2006	A	148,562	(5)	(5)	Class A Common Stock	148,5

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HOVNANIAN ARA K 10 HIGHWAY 35 RED BANK, NJ 07701	X	X	President and CEO	

Signatures

Nancy A. Marrazzo,
Attorney-in-Fact

01/04/2006

__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) On March 19, 2004, the common stock of Hovnanian Enterprises, Inc. split 2-for-1, resulting in 74,281 additional Phantom Stock Units held by the reporting person.

(3) 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.

(4) Not applicable

(5) 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.

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