

HOVNIANIAN ENTERPRISES INC
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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
 HOVNIANIAN 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)
 04/10/2006

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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Class A Common Stock	04/10/2006		S	1,877	D	\$ 43.94	160,224 D
Class A Common Stock						289,566	I Held by the DeCesaris Family LLC #3 ⁽¹⁾
Class A Common Stock						100,000	I Held by the DeCesaris Family LLC #1 ⁽²⁾

Class A Common Stock	21,458	I	Held by Five Queens, Inc. (3)
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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 (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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Benef Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
						Code	V (A) (D)		

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
Attorney-in-Fact 05/19/2006

**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) The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares held by the DeCesaris Family LLC # 3 except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein
- (2)

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The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares held by the DeCesaris Family LLC # 1 except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein

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

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