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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

HAKE KEVIN C

Symbol HOVNANIAN ENTERPRISES INC

(Check all applicable)

[HOV]

(Last)

(First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Director 10% Owner Other (specify

(Month/Day/Year)

X_ Officer (give title below)

110 WEST FRONT STREET

(Street)

(State)

05/19/2006

Sr.VP of Finance and Treasurer 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

(T)

(Instr. 4)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

3.

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person

Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

RED BANK, NJ 07701

(Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security

(City)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial

Ownership

(Instr. 4)

(Instr. 3) (Month/Day/Year)

Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

Owned Following Reported

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

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

Conversion or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any

4. 5. Number of **Transaction**Derivative Code Securities

(A)

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) Acquired (A) or Disposed of

(D)

(Instr. 3, 4, and 5)

Code V (A)

(D) Date Expiration Exercisable Date

Title

Amount

Number of Shares

Employee

Stock Option

\$ 32.33 05/19/2006

A 10,000

(1) 05/18/2016 Common

Class A Common 10,000 Stock

(right to buy)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer

Other

HAKE KEVIN C

110 WEST FRONT STREET RED BANK, NJ 07701 Sr. VP of Finance and Treasurer

Signatures

Nancy Marrazzo Attorney-in-Fact

05/22/2006

**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 option vests in four equal annual installments beginning on May 19, 2009
- (2) N/A

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