HOVNANIAN ARA K

Form 4

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

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See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * HOVNANIAN ARA K

(First)

(Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Symbol

HOVNANIAN ENTERPRISES INC

(Check all applicable)

[HOV]

(Last)

(Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction _X__ Director X_ Officer (give title X 10% Owner

10 HIGHWAY 35

(Month/Day/Year) 01/01/2006

below)

Issuer

Other (specify

President and CEO

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

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

(I)

(Instr. 4)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Person

RED BANK, NJ 07701

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)

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

Execution Date, if

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially

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

(Month/Day/Year)

Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

Following Reported

Owned

Transaction(s)

Code V Amount (D) Price

(A)

(Instr. 3 and 4)

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

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Ownership

(Instr. 4)

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Conversion Security or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed

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

5. Number of TransactiorDerivative Securities Code Acquired (A) or

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount Underlying Securitie (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)					
				Code	e V (A) (D) Date Expiration Exercisable Date	Title	Amour Numbe Shares				
Phantom Stock Units	(1)	01/01/2006		D			148,562 (2)	(3)	<u>(3)</u>	Class A Common Stock	148,5
Phantom Stock Units	<u>(1)</u>	01/01/2006		A		148,562		<u>(5)</u>	<u>(5)</u>	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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