

HOVNANIAN ENTERPRISES INC

Form 4

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FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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

(Print or Type Responses)

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

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)
04/10/2006

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

RED BANK, NJ 07701

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person
☐ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (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
Class A Common Stock							100,000 I
							Held by the DeCesaris Family LLC #3 ⁽¹⁾
							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 Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

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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