

HOME DEPOT INC  
Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *			2. Date of Event Requiring Statement		3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â BATCHELDER DAVID H			(Month/Day/Year)		HOME DEPOT INC [HD]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	02/22/2007		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	
12400 HIGH BLUFF DRIVE,Â SUITE 600					5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	
(Street)					(Check all applicable)	
SAN DIEGO,Â CAÂ 92130					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below)    (specify below)	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
\$.05 Common Stock	30,951,761	I	Through Limited Partnerships and accounts managed by reporting person <u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u>

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

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security	4. Conversion or Exercise	5. Ownership Form of	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	(Instr. 4)	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security	Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)
			Title			
Deferred Shares	Â (3)	Â (3)	Common Stock	2,792.6178	\$ (3)	D Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BATCHELDER DAVID H 12400 HIGH BLUFF DRIVE SUITE 600 SAN DIEGO, CA 92130	Â X	Â	Â	Â

## Signatures

/s/ Jonathan M. Gottsegen,  
Attorney-in-Fact

03/01/2007

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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).  
 The reporting person is a Principal of Relational Investors, LLC (RILLC). RILLC is the record holder of 100 shares and the sole general partner, or the sole managing member of the general partner, of Relational Investors, L.P. (3,885,398), Relational Coast Partners, L.P. (229,147), Relational Fund Partners, L.P. (99,365), RI III, L.P. (141,427), Relational Partners, L.P. (94,888), RH Fund 1, L.P. (1), L.P. (3,108,138), RH Fund 2, L.P. (2,014,513), RH Fund 4, L.P. (776,386), RH Fund 6, L.P. (597,642), RH Fund 7, L.P. (279,824), RI VIII, L.P. (3,778,586), RI Investors IX, L.P. (1,511,417), RI X, L.P. (2,842,197), RI XI, L.P. (1,649,432), RI XV, L.P. (538,051), RI XVI, L.P. (376,949). An additional 3,733,801 shares are held in accounts managed by RILLC and an additional 5,294,500 shares are held through co-investment arrangements with certain entities listed above.
- (2) The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.  
 The Deferred Shares were granted under The Home Depot, Inc. 2005 Omnibus Stock Incentive Plan and convert to shares of Common
- (3) Stock on a one-for-one basis upon the earlier of (i) the first anniversary of the director's termination of service as a Board member, (ii) the date of the director's death, retirement or disability, or (iii) the date of a change in control of the Company.

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