

DECESARIS GEATON A JR  
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**FORM 4**

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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  
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)  
01/17/2006

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

**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   |  |  |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | Code  | V   | Amount   |  |
| Class A Common Stock            | 01/17/2006                           |  | M                              | 3,001   | A   | \$ 347,051   | D  |
| Class A Common Stock            | 01/17/2006                           |  | F                              | 1,124   | D   | \$ 345,927   | D  |
| Class A Common Stock            |                                      |  |                                |   |   | 20,000   | I  |

Held by Geaton A. DeCesaris Charitable Remainder Unitrust <sup>(2)</sup>

|                            |         |   |   |
|----------------------------|---------|---|---|
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 200,000 | I | Held by<br>DeCesaris<br>Family LLC<br>#1 <sup>(3)</sup>                           |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 105,740 | I | Held by<br>Geaton and<br>Josephine<br>DeCesaris<br>Family<br>Trust <sup>(4)</sup> |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 21,458  | I | Held by<br>Five<br>Queens, Inc.<br><sup>(5)</sup>                                 |

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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number<br>of Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4,<br>and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of<br>Underlying Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price<br>of Underlying<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) |  |
|---|--|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|--|---|---|--|
|   |  |   |   |                                      |   | Date<br>Exercisable  | Expiration<br>Date  | Title   | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |
|   |  |   |   |                                      |   | Code   | V   | (A)   | (D)                                    |
| Phantom<br>Stock<br>Units                           | <sup>(6)</sup>   | 01/17/2006                              |   | M                                    | 3,001   | <sup>(7)</sup>   | <sup>(7)</sup>  | Class A<br>Common<br>Stock                          | 3,001                                  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                               | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| DECESARIS GEATON A JR<br>10 HIGHWAY 35<br>RED BANK, NJ 07701 |               | X         |         |       |

## Signatures

Nancy Marrazzo  
Attorney-in-Fact

01/19/2006

\_\_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) N/A

The Reporting Person is trustee and beneficiary of the Geaton A. DeCesaris Charitable Remainder Unitrust; the Reporting Person

(2) continues to report beneficial ownership of all of the Class A Common Stock held by the unitrust but disclaims beneficial ownership except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein

(3) The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares held by the family LLC except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein

(4) The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares

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

(6) 1-for-1

Payout to be made as soon as practicable after vesting on January 15, 2006 with respect to 25% of the Deferred Share Award and upon

(7) retirement or occurrence of certain other events set forth under the terms of Deferred Compensation Plan with respect to 75% of the Deferred Share Award

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