

HOVNIANIAN ENTERPRISES INC  
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**FORM 4**

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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  
 HOVNIANIAN 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  
 (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		
Class A Common Stock	04/10/2006		S	1,877	D	\$ 43.94	160,224 D
Class A Common Stock						289,566	I Held by the DeCesaris Family LLC #3 <sup>(1)</sup>
Class A Common Stock						100,000	I Held by the DeCesaris Family LLC #1 <sup>(2)</sup>



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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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