REINHART PETER S

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

REINHART PETER S

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

HOVNANIAN ENTERPRISES INC

[HOV]

(Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner

Sr. VP/General Counsel

(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)

10 HIGHWAY 35

12/10/2004

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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

(I)

(Instr. 4)

Person

RED BANK, NJ 07701

(City) (State) (Zip)

(Street)

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

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

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

Ownership

(Instr. 4)

(A)

(Instr. 8)

Following Reported Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

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 Conversion Security or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

4. Code

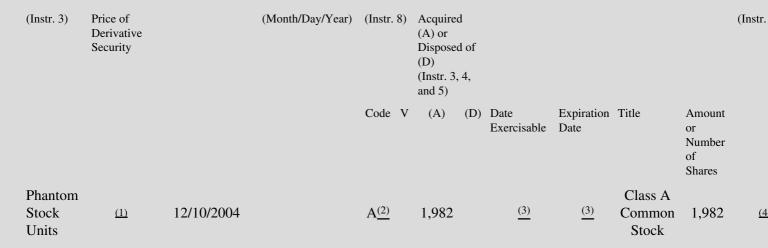
5. Number Transaction of Derivative Expiration Date Securities

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

7. Title and Amount of 8. Price **Underlying Securities** Deriva (Instr. 3 and 4) Securi

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

REINHART PETER S 10 HIGHWAY 35 RED BANK, NJ 07701

Sr. VP/General Counsel

Signatures

Nancy Marrazzo 12/13/2004

**Signature of Date Reporting Person

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) Grant of stock bonus payable on December 10, 2004 but deferred pursuant to Deferred Compensation Plan.
- (3) Payout to be made January 1, 2008, or upon the occurrence of certain other events set forth under the terms of Deferred Compensation Plan.
- (4) N/A

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