

HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES INC
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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 *
 HARRIS MICHAEL E

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES INC
 [HIW]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)
 Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 Executive Vice President & COO

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 C/O HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES, INC., 3100 SMOKETREE COURT, SUITE 600

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 02/19/2007

(Street)
 RALEIGH, NC 27604

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	02/19/2007		M		32,444 (1) \$ 27.05	A	89,091 D
Common Stock	02/19/2007		M		38,684 (1) \$ 26.15	A	127,775 D
Common Stock	02/19/2007		M		22,549 (1) \$ 26.27	A	150,324 D
Common Stock	02/19/2007		M		22,968 (2) \$ 45.88	A	173,292 D

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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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Common Stock	\$ 27.05	02/19/2007		M	32,444	03/01/2002 02/28/2012	Common Stock	32,444	
Common Stock	\$ 26.15	02/19/2007		M	38,684	03/01/2004 02/28/2014	Common Stock	38,684	
Common Stock	\$ 26.27	02/19/2007		M	22,549	03/01/2005 02/28/2015	Common Stock	22,549	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HARRIS MICHAEL E C/O HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES, INC. 3100 SMOKETREE COURT, SUITE 600 RALEIGH, NC 27604			Executive Vice President & COO	

Signatures

/s/Mack D. Pridgen, III for Michael E.
Harris

02/21/2007

**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) Option vests ratably on the first through fourth anniversaries of grant date.

(2) This represents cashless exercise in which the reporting person receives the number of shares obtained by dividing the gross spread between the exercise price and the market price (\$45.88) by the market price (\$45.88).

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