SORSBY J LARRY

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * SORSBY J LARRY

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

Symbol

HOVNANIAN ENTERPRISES INC

(Check all applicable)

[HOV]

(Last) (First) (Middle)

10 HIGHWAY 35, P. O. BOX 500

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

_X__ Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)

(Month/Day/Year)

01/07/2005

Exec. VP and CFO

Applicable Line)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

> _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Person

RED BANK, NJ 07701

(City) (State) (Zip)

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) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

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

(Instr. 4)

(Instr. 4)

(A)

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

Reported

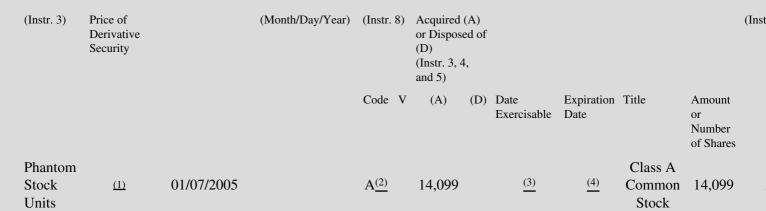
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1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5. Number of	6. Date Exercisable and	7. Title and Amount of	8. Pr
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transacti	orDerivative	Expiration Date	Underlying Securities	Deri
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	Securities	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)	Secu

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
Transfer of the second	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
SORSBY J LARRY 10 HIGHWAY 35 P. O. BOX 500 RED BANK, NJ 07701	X		Exec. VP and CFO			

Signatures

Nancy A.

Marrazzo

**Signature of Reporting Person

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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 January 7, 2005.
- (3) The stock vests in 25% increments beginning on November 1, 2005.
- (4) Distribution must be made as soon as practicable after vesting unless the reporting person has previously elected to defer such distributions.
- (5) Not applicable

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