

HOVNANIAN ENTERPRISES INC  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â GENDELL JEFFREY L ET AL		(Month/Day/Year)	HOVNANIAN ENTERPRISES INC [HOV]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)		
55 RAILROAD AVENUE, 3RD FLOOR			4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	
(Street)			(Check all applicable)	
GREENWICH,Â CTÂ 06830			<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below)    (specify below)	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	
			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock, No par value	4,706,491	I	See Footnotes <u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u>

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)
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## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GENDELL JEFFREY L ET AL 55 RAILROAD AVENUE, 3RD FLOOR GREENWICH, CT 06830	^	^ X	^	^

## Signatures

By: Jeffrey L. Gendell, /s/Jeffrey L. Gendell

04/13/2006

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) The Reporting Person is the managing member of Tontine Management, L.L.C. ("TM"), a Delaware limited liability company, the general partner of Tontine Partners, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership ("TP"). The Reporting Person is also the managing member of Tontine Overseas Associates, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company ("TOA"), the investment adviser to Tontine Overseas Fund, Ltd., a Cayman Islands corporation ("TOF").
- (2) The Reporting Person directly owns 120,000 shares of Common Stock. TP directly owns 2,604,112 shares of Common Stock. TOF directly owns 1,982,379 shares of Common Stock. All of the foregoing shares of Common Stock may be deemed to be beneficially owned by the Reporting Person. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of the Issuer's securities reported herein for purposes of Section 16(a) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise, except as to securities directly owned by the Reporting Person or representing the Reporting Person's pro rata interest in, and interest in the profits of, TP, TM, TOA and TOF.

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