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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  - o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

HOVNANIAN ENTERPRISES, INC.  
(Registrant)

By: /s/ Kevin Hake  
Name: Kevin Hake  
Title: Senior Vice President and  
Treasurer

Date: July 1, 2005

INDEX TO EXHIBITS

| <b>Exhibit Number</b> | <b>Exhibit</b>   |
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| Exhibit 1.6           | Underwriting Agreement, dated June 30, 2005 among Hovnanian Enterprises, Inc. and Credit Suisse First Boston LLC, UBS Securities LLC, and Wachovia Capital Markets, LLC, as representatives of the several underwriters named therein. |
| Exhibit 5.3           | Opinion of Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP.   |