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HOVNANIAN ENTERPRISES INC
Form 8-K
January 24, 2002

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

Form 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): January 10, 2002

HOVNANIAN ENTERPRISES, INC.

(Exact Name of registrant specified in its charter)

Delaware	1-8551	22-1851059
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(State or other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

10 Highway 35, P.O. Box 500
Red Bank, New Jersey 07701
(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number:
(732) 747-7800

Item 2. Acquisition or Disposition of Assets

On January 10, 2002, Hovnanian Enterprises, Inc., a Delaware corporation ("Hovnanian" or the "Registrant"), completed its acquisition of the California homebuilding operations of The Forecast Group, L.P., a privately held, single family homebuilder headquartered in Rancho Cucamonga, California ("Forecast").

The total equity value of Hovnanian's acquisition of Forecast was approximately \$176.5 million, paid by the issuance of 2,208,738 shares of Hovnanian's Class A Common Stock plus approximately \$131.0 million in cash. Hovnanian also repaid approximately \$88 million of Forecast's indebtedness. The purchase price is subject to adjustment based on Forecast's earnings through January 31, 2002. Additionally, and subject to option contracts, for a period of three years following January 10, 2002, Hovnanian will have the option to purchase certain land parcels retained by the principal owner of Forecast valued at \$49 million.

Copies of the Asset Purchase Agreement, dated as of January 4, 2002 between Hovnanian and Forecast and the Securities Purchase Agreement, dated as of January 4, 2002, between Hovnanian and Forecast are incorporated by reference herein to Exhibit 2(a) and Exhibit 2(b) of Hovnanian's annual report

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for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2001 on Form 10-K (Commission File No. 1-8551). A copy of the press release, dated January 11, 2002, is attached as an exhibit hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

Item 7. Financial Statements, Pro Forma Financial Information and Exhibits

(a) Financial Statements of Business Acquired.

Financial Statements required by this item shall be filed not later than 60 days after the date that this report is required to be filed.

(b) Pro Forma Financial Information.

Financial Statements required by this item shall be filed not later than 60 days after the date that this report is required to be filed.

(c) Exhibits.

Exhibit 2.1 Asset Purchase Agreement, dated as of January 4, 2002, between Hovnianian Enterprises, Inc. and The Forecast Group (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2(a) to Hovnianian Enterprises, Inc.'s annual report for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2001 on Form 10-K (Commission File No. 1-8551)).

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Exhibit 2.2 Securities Purchase Agreement, dated as of January 4, 2002, between Hovnianian Enterprises, Inc. and The Forecast Group (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2(b) to Hovnianian Enterprises, Inc.'s annual report for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2001 on Form 10-K. (Commission File No. 1-8551)).

Exhibit 99.1 Press Release dated January 11, 2002.

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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.

HOVNIANIAN ENTERPRISES, INC.

(Registrant)

By: /s/ Peter S. Reinhart

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Name: Peter S. Reinhart
Title: Senior Vice President
General Counsel

Date: January 24, 2002

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