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**NOTICE OF SALE OF SECURITIES
PURSUANT TO REGULATION D,
SECTION 4(6), AND/OR
UNIFORM LIMITED OFFERING EXEMPTION**

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Name of Offering (check if this is an amendment and name has changed, and indicate change.)

Hancock Mezzanine Partners III, L.P.

Filing Under (Check box(es) that apply): Rule 504 Rule 505 Rule 506 Section 4(6) ULOE

Type of Filing: New Filing Amendment

A. BASIC IDENTIFICATION DATA

1. Enter the information requested about the issuer

Name of Issuer (Check if this is an amendment and name has changed, and indicate change.)

Hancock Mezzanine Partners III, L.P.



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Address of Executive Offices (Number and Street, City, State, Zip Code)

200 Clarendon Street, T-57, Boston, Massachusetts 02116

Telephone Number (Including Area Code)

(617) 572-6000

Address of Principal Business Operations (Number and Street, City, State, Zip Code)

(if different from Executive Offices)

Telephone Number (Including Area Code)

Brief Description of Business

An investment fund with an investment objective to achieve high current return with the potential for long-term capital appreciation primarily from mezzanine investments.

Type of Business Organization

corporation limited partnership, already formed other (please specify):
 business trust limited partnership, to be formed

Actual or Estimated Date of Incorporation or Organization:

Month Year
0 4 0 2

Actual Estimated

Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization: (Enter two-letter U.S. Postal Service abbreviation for State; CN for Canada; FN for other foreign jurisdiction)

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GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

Federal:

Who Must File: All issuers making an offering of securities in reliance on an exemption under Regulation D or Section 4(6), 17 CFR 230.501 et seq. or 15 U.S.C. 77d(6).

When To File: A notice must be filed no later than 15 days after the first sale of securities in the offering. A notice is deemed filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) on the earlier of the date it is received by the SEC at the address given below or, if received at that address after the date on which it is due, on the date it was mailed by United States registered or certified mail to that address.

Where To File: U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549.

Copies Required: Five (5) copies of this notice must be filed with the SEC, one of which must be manually signed. Any copies not manually signed must be photocopies of the manually signed copy or bear typed or printed signatures.

Information Required: A new filing must contain all information requested. Amendments need only report the name of the issuer and offering, any changes thereto, the information requested in Part C, and any material changes from the information previously supplied in Parts A and B. Part E and the Appendix need not be filed with the SEC.

Filing Fee: There is no federal filing fee.

State:

This notice shall be used to indicate reliance on the Uniform Limited Offering Exemption (ULOE) for sales of securities in those states that have adopted ULOE and that have adopted this form. Issuers relying on ULOE must file a separate notice with the Securities Administrator in each state where sales are to be, or have been made. If a state requires the payment of a fee as a precondition to the claim for the exemption, a fee in the proper amount shall accompany this form. This notice shall be filed in the appropriate states in accordance with state law. The Appendix to the notice constitutes a part of this notice and must be completed.

ATTENTION

Failure to file notice in the appropriate states will not result in a loss of the federal exemption. Conversely, failure to file the appropriate federal notice will not result in a loss of an available state exemption unless such exemption is predicated on the filing of a federal notice.

Potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB control number.

A. BASIC IDENTIFICATION DATA

2. Enter the information requested for the following:

- Each promoter of the issuer, if the issuer has been organized within the past five years;
- Each beneficial owner having the power to vote or dispose, or direct the vote or disposition of, 10% or more of a class of equity securities of the issuer;
- Each executive officer and director of corporate issuers and of corporate general and managing partners of partnership issuers; and
- Each general and managing partner of partnership issuers.

Check Box(es) that Apply: Promoter Beneficial Owner Executive Officer Director General and/or Managing Partner

Full Name (Last Name first, if individual)

Hancock Mezzanine Investments III, LLC

Business or Residence Address (Number and Street, City, State, Zip Code)

John Hancock Place, 200 Clarendon Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02116

Check Box(es) that Apply: Promoter Beneficial Owner Executive Officer Director General and/or Managing Partner

Full Name (Last name first, if individual)

Stephen J. Blewitt

Business or Residence Address (Number and Street, City, State, Zip Code)

John Hancock Place, 200 Clarendon Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02116

Check Box(es) that Apply: Promoter Beneficial Owner Executive Officer Director General and/or Managing Partner

Full Name (Last Name first, if individual)

Paul A. Fishbin

Business or Residence Address (Number and Street, City, State, Zip Code)

John Hancock Place, 200 Clarendon Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02116

Check Box(es) that Apply: Promoter Beneficial Owner Executive Officer Director General and/or Managing Partner

Full Name (Last Name first, if individual)

Scott A. McFetridge

Business or Residence Address (Number and Street, City, State, Zip Code)

John Hancock Place, 200 Clarendon Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02116

Check Box(es) that Apply: Promoter Beneficial Owner Executive Officer Director General and/or Managing Partner

Full Name (Last Name first, if individual)

Scott B. Garfield

Business or Residence Address (Number and Street, City, State, Zip Code)

John Hancock Place, 200 Clarendon Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02116

Check Box(es) that Apply: Promoter Beneficial Owner Executive Officer Director General and/or Managing Partner

Full Name (Last Name first, if individual)

John Hancock Life Insurance Company

Business or Residence Address (Number and Street, City, State, Zip Code)

John Hancock Place, 200 Clarendon Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02116

Check Box(es) that Apply: Promoter Beneficial Owner Executive Officer Director General and/or Managing Partner

Full Name (Last Name first, if individual)

Hancock Mezzanine Advisors, LLC

Business or Residence Address (Number and Street, City, State, Zip Code)

200 Clarendon Street, John Hancock Tower, 27th Floor, Boston, MA 02116

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- Each general and managing partner of partnership issuers.

Check Box(es) that Apply: Promoter Beneficial Owner Executive Officer Director General and/or Managing Partner

Full Name (Last Name first, if individual)

John Hancock Life Insurance Company, for and to the extent of its Separate Investment Account Number 115

Business or Residence Address (Number and Street, City, State, Zip Code)

200 Clarendon Street, John Hancock Tower, 27th Floor, Boston, MA 02116

Check Box(es) that Apply: Promoter Beneficial Owner Executive Officer Director General and/or Managing Partner

Full Name (Last name first, if individual)

Trustees of Boston University

Business or Residence Address (Number and Street, City, State, Zip Code)

c/o Office of the Treasurer, 881 Commonwealth Avenue, 4th Floor, Boston MA 02215

Check Box(es) that Apply: Promoter Beneficial Owner Executive Officer Director General and/or Managing Partner

Full Name (Last Name first, if individual)

DLJ Strategic Partners, L.P.

Business or Residence Address (Number and Street, City, State, Zip Code)

Eleven Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10010

Check Box(es) that Apply: Promoter Beneficial Owner Executive Officer Director General and/or Managing Partner

Full Name (Last Name first, if individual)

Phoenix Life Insurance Company

Business or Residence Address (Number and Street, City, State, Zip Code)

c/o Phoenix Investment Partners, 56 Prospect Street, Hartford, CT 06115

Check Box(es) that Apply: Promoter Beneficial Owner Executive Officer Director General and/or Managing Partner

Full Name (Last Name first, if individual)

Business or Residence Address (Number and Street, City, State, Zip Code)

Check Box(es) that Apply: Promoter Beneficial Owner Executive Officer Director General and/or Managing Partner

Full Name (Last Name first, if individual)

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B. INFORMATION ABOUT OFFERING

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|---|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| | Yes | No |
| 1. Has the issuer sold, or does the issuer intend to sell, to non-accredited investors in this offering?..... | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Answer also in Appendix, Column 2, if filing under ULOE. | | |
| 2. What is the minimum investment that will be accepted from any individual? | \$1,000,000 | |
| | Yes | No |
| 3. Does the offering permit joint ownership of a single unit? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Enter the information requested for each person who has been or will be paid or given, directly or indirectly, any commission or similar remuneration for solicitation of purchasers in connection with sales of securities in the offering. If a person to be listed is an associated person or agent of a broker or dealer registered with the SEC and/or with a state or states, list the name of the broker or dealer. If more than five (5) persons to be listed are associated persons of such a broker or dealer, you may set forth the information for that broker or dealer only. | | |

Full Name (Last name first, if individual)

Business or Residence Address (Number and Street, City, State, Zip Code)

1330 Avenue of the Americas, 29th Floor, New York, New York 10019

Name of Associated Broker or Dealer

Benedetto, Gartland & Company, Inc.

States in Which Person Listed Has Solicited or Intends to Solicit Purchasers

(Check "All States" or check individual States) All States

[AL]	[AK]	[AZ]	[AR]	[CA]	[CO]	[CT]	[DE]	[DC]	[FL]	[GA]	[HI]	[ID]
[IL]	[IN]	[IA]	[KS]	[KY]	[LA]	[ME]	[MD]	[MA]	[MI]	[MN]	[MS]	[MO]
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[RI]	[SC]	[SD]	[TN]	[TX]	[UT]	[VT]	[VA]	[WA]	[WV]	[WI]	[WY]	[PR]

Full Name (Last name first, if individual)

Fishbin, Paul

Business or Residence Address (Number and Street, City, State, Zip Code)

200 Clarendon Street, Boston, MA 02116

Name of Associated Broker or Dealer

Signator Investors, Inc.

States in Which Person Listed Has Solicited or Intends to Solicit Purchasers

(Check "All States" or check individual States) All States

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Full Name (Last name first, if individual)

Business or Residence Address (Number and Street, City, State, Zip Code)

Name of Associated Broker or Dealer

States in Which Person Listed Has Solicited or Intends to Solicit Purchasers

(Check "All States" or check individual States) All States

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C. OFFERING PRICE, NUMBER OF INVESTORS, EXPENSES AND USE OF PROCEEDS

1. Enter the aggregate offering price of securities included in this offering and the total amount already sold. Enter "0" if answer is "none" or "zero". If the transaction is an exchange offering, check this box and indicate in the columns below the amounts of the securities offered for exchange and already exchanged.

Type of Security	Aggregate Offering Price	Amount Already Sold
Debt	\$0	\$0
Equity..... <div style="margin-left: 40px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Common <input type="checkbox"/> Preferred</div>	\$0	\$0
Convertible Securities (including warrants).....	\$0	\$0
Partnership Interests.....	\$365,000,000	\$88,939,394
Other (Specify _____).....	\$0	\$0
Total	\$365,000,000	\$88,939,394

Answer also in Appendix, Column 3, if filing under ULOE.

2. Enter the number of accredited and non-accredited investors who have purchased securities in this offering and the aggregate dollar amounts of their purchases. For offerings under Rule 504, indicate the number of persons who have purchased securities and the aggregate dollar amount of their purchases on the total lines. Enter "0" if answer is "none" or "zero."

	Number of Investors	Aggregate Dollar Amount of Purchases
Accredited Investors	11	\$88,939,394
Non-Accredited Investors	0	\$0
Total (for filings under Rule 504 only)	_____	\$ _____

Answer also in Appendix, Column 4, if filing under ULOE

3. If this filing is for an offering under Rule 504 or 505, enter the information requested for all securities sold by the issuer, to date, in offerings of the types indicated, in the twelve (12) months prior to the first sale of securities in this offering. Classify securities by type listed in Part C -- Question 1.

NOT APPLICABLE

Type of Offering	Type of Security	Dollar Amount Sold
Rule 505.....	_____	\$ _____
Regulation A.....	_____	\$ _____
Rule 504.....	_____	\$ _____
Total	_____	\$ _____

4. a. Furnish a statement of all expenses in connection with the issuance and distribution of the securities in this offering. Exclude amounts relating solely to organization expenses of the issuer. The information may be given as subject to future contingencies. If the amount of an expenditure is not known, furnish an estimate and check the box to the left of the estimate.

Transfer Agent's Fees	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$0
Printing and Engraving Costs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	\$29,960
Legal Fees.....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	\$862,814
Accounting Fees	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	\$1,688
Engineering Fees.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$0
Sales commission (specify finders' fees separately) Estimated Fees Payable to the Placement Agent based upon Aggregate Offering Price	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	\$6,135,000
Other Expenses (identify) Out of pocket expenses (e.g., travel, annual franchise fee)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	\$98,163
Total	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$7,127,625

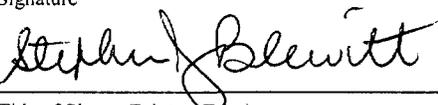
b. Enter the difference between the aggregate offering price given in response to Part C - Question 1 and total expenses furnished in response to Part C — Question 4.a. This difference is the “adjusted gross proceeds to the issuer.” \$357,872,375

5. Indicate below the amount of the adjusted gross proceeds to the issuer used or proposed to be used for each of the purposes shown. If the amount for any purpose is not known, furnish an estimate and check the box to the left of the estimate. The total of the payments listed must equal the adjusted gross proceeds to the issuer set forth in response to Part C — Question 4.b above.

		Payments to Officers, Directors & Affiliates		Payments to Others
Salaries and fees (Management Fees for the first year of Fund operations, estimated based upon the initial closing amount).....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	\$1,309,500	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$0
Purchase of real estate	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$0	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$0
Purchase, rental or leasing and installation of machinery and equipment.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$0	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$0
Construction or leasing of plant buildings and facilities.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$0	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$0
Acquisition of other business (including the value of securities involved in this offering that may be used in exchange for the assets or securities of another issuer pursuant to a merger)	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$0	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$0
Repayment of indebtedness	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$0	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$0
Working capital	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$0	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$0
Other (specify): To make Investments in debt and equity securities and pay Fund operating expenses	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	\$356,562,875
Column Totals	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	\$1,309,500	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	\$356,562,875
Total Payments Listed (column totals added).....			<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>\$357,872,375</u>

D. FEDERAL SIGNATURE

The issuer has duly caused this notice to be signed by the undersigned duly authorized person. If this notice is filed under Rule 505, the following signature constitutes an undertaking by the issuer to furnish to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, upon written request of its staff, the information furnished by the issuer to any non-accredited investor pursuant to paragraph (b)(2) of Rule 502.

Issuer (Print or Type) Hancock Mezzanine Partners III, L.P.	Signature 	Date January 30, 2004
Name of Signer (Print or Type) Stephen J. Blewitt	Title of Signer (Print or Type) President of Hancock Mezzanine Investments III, LLC, general partner of Hancock Mezzanine Partners III, L.P.	

ATTENTION
Intentional misstatements or omissions of fact constitute federal criminal violations. (See 18 U.S.C. 1001.)