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Ms. Velma T. Smith
Branch Chief
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Room 2531
100 F Street, NE
Washington, DC 20549

Dear Ms. Smith:

The New York Stock Exchange certifies approval for listing and registration under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Hovnanian Enterprises, Inc., Preferred Stock Purchase Rights and requests immediate acceleration of registration. Adequate distribution assured. Form 8-A received on August 14, 2008.

Sincerely,

Antonio Mariotti

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