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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *<br><b>CHAIT JON F</b><br><br>(Last) (First) (Middle)<br><b>C/O HUDSON HIGHLAND GROUP, INC.</b><br><b>622 THIRD AVENUE</b><br><br>(Street)<br><b>NEW YORK NY 10017</b><br><br>(City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br><b>HUDSON HIGHLAND GROUP INC [ HHGP ]</b> | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)<br><b>Chairman, President &amp; CEO</b> |
|   | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br><b>12/17/2003</b>                    |   |
|   | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                                 | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person<br><input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person  |

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) |   | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |            |         | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|------------|---------|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V | Amount  | (A) or (D) | Price   |   |  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 12/17/2003                           |  | P                              |   | 907   | A          | \$20.55 | 50,907  | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 12/17/2003                           |  | P                              |   | 100   | A          | \$20.7  | 51,007  | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 12/17/2003                           |  | P                              |   | 3,993   | A          | \$21    | 55,000  | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   |            |         | 947   | I  | By Plan <sup>(1)</sup>                                |

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

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) |   | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) |            | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
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|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V |  | (A)  | (D)        |   |  |  |   |  |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy)       | \$13.66  |                                      |  |                                |   |  | (2)  | 04/11/2013 | Common Stock  | 163,000                                    | 163,000  | D   |  |

**Explanation of Responses:**

- Balance reflects the reporting person's holdings in the Hudson Highland Group, Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan as of the date of this filing.
- Grant to reporting person of option to buy shares of common stock under the Hudson Highland Group, Inc. Long Term Incentive Plan. The option vests and becomes exercisable as follows: 25% after 1st anniversary of the date of grant, 50% after 2nd anniversary, 75% after 3rd anniversary, and 100% after 4th anniversary of the date of grant.

By: John K. Wilson, Attorney- 12/19/2003  
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\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (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).

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