

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>OHARA RALPH L</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O HUDSON HIGHLAND GROUP, INC.</u> <u>622 THIRD AVENUE</u>  (Street) <u>NEW YORK NY 10017</u>  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>HUDSON HIGHLAND GROUP INC [ HHGP ]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>VP and Global Controller</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>01/18/2005</u>	
		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <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								3,000	D	
Common Stock								46.857	I	By 401(k) <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock								913.539	I	By Plan <sup>(2)</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)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$26.5	01/18/2005		A		3,000		(3)	01/18/2015	Common Stock	3,000	\$0	3,000	D	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$18.88							(3)	06/30/2013	Common Stock	9,000		9,000	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- Balance reflects the most current data available with regard to holdings in the 401(k) Plan.
- 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- 01/18/2005  
In-Fact

\*\* 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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