

HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES INC
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
HARRIS MICHAEL E

 (Last) (First) (Middle)
C/O HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES, INC., 3100 SMOKETREE COURT, SUITE 600

 (Street)
RALEIGH, NC 27604

 (City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES INC [HIW]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
08/05/2008

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)
 Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
Executive Vice President & COO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	08/05/2008	08/05/2008	M	38,685 A	\$ 26.15	166,052	D
Common Stock	08/05/2008	08/05/2008	S	38,685 D	\$ 36.2 (1) (2)	127,367	D
Common Stock	08/05/2008	08/05/2008	M	45,096 A	\$ 26.27	172,463	D
Common Stock	08/05/2008	08/05/2008	S	45,096 D	\$ (2) (3)	127,367	D

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

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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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 26.15	08/05/2008	08/05/2008	M	38,685	⁽⁴⁾ 02/28/2014	Common Stock	38,685
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 26.27	08/05/2008	08/05/2008	M	45,096	⁽⁴⁾ 02/28/2012	Common Stock	45,096

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HARRIS MICHAEL E C/O HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES, INC. 3100 SMOKETREE COURT, SUITE 600 RALEIGH, NC 27604			Executive Vice President & COO	

Signatures

/s/Will B. Howard for Michael E. Harris
Date: 08/07/2008

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).
- (1) Represents the weighted average sale price. Sale prices range from \$36.05 - \$36.31.

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- (2) The reporting person upon request by the Commission staff, the issuer, or a security holder of the issuer, agrees to disclose full information regarding the number of shares purchased or sold at each separate price.
- (3) Represents the weighted average sale price. Sale prices range from \$36.05 - \$36.35.
- (4) Option vests ratably on the first through fourth anniversaries of grant date.

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