HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES INC

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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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|--|--|--|-----|---|-----------|--|---|---|------------------|----------|
| 1. Name and A | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES INC [HIW] | | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | | | |
| (Last) C/O HIGHV INC., 3100 SUITE 600 | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/14/2008 | | | | | Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) | | | | |
| DALEIGH | (Street) | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | | | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting | | | |
| RALEIGH, | NC 27004 | | | | | | | Person | | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | Tab | le I - Non- | Derivativ | e Securi | ities Acqu | uired, Disposed of | f, or Beneficial | ly Owned |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | ity (Month/Day/Year) Execution Dat | | | Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | | 5. Amount of Securities Ownership Indirect Beneficially Form: Direct Beneficial Owned (D) or Ownership Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) Reported (Instr. 4) Transaction(s) | | |
| _ | | | | Code V | ' Amour | | Price | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
| Common Stock | 05/14/2008 | | | M | 539 | A | \$ 24.99 | 127,906 | D | |
| Common Stock | 05/14/2008 | | | S | 539 | D | \$ 36.04 | 127,367 | D | |
| Common Stock | 05/14/2008 | | | M | 900 | A | \$ 24.99 | 128,267 | D | |
| Common Stock | 05/14/2008 | | | S | 900 | D | \$ 36.02 | 127,367 | D | |

M

3,000

A

130,367

D

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| Common Stock | | | | | \$ 24.99 | | |
|-----------------|------------|---|--------|---|-------------|---------|---|
| Common Stock | 05/14/2008 | S | 3,000 | D | \$ 36.01 | 127,367 | D |
| Common Stock | 05/14/2008 | M | 14,655 | A | \$ 24.99 | 142,022 | D |
| Common Stock | 05/14/2008 | S | 14,655 | D | \$ 36 | 127,367 | D |
| Common Stock | 05/14/2008 | M | 100 | A | \$ 21.01 | 127,467 | D |
| Common Stock | 05/14/2008 | S | 100 | D | \$ 36.33 | 127,367 | D |
| Common Stock | 05/14/2008 | M | 900 | A | \$ 21.01 | 128,267 | D |
| Common Stock | 05/14/2008 | S | 900 | D | \$ 36.32 | 127,367 | D |
| Common Stock | 05/14/2008 | M | 900 | A | \$ 21.01 | 128,267 | D |
| Common Stock | 05/14/2008 | S | 900 | D | \$ 36.3 | 127,367 | D |
| Common Stock | 05/14/2008 | M | 100 | A | \$ 21.01 | 127,467 | D |
| Common Stock | 05/14/2008 | S | 100 | D | \$ 36.29 | 127,367 | D |
| Common Stock | 05/14/2008 | M | 800 | A | \$ 21.01 | 128,167 | D |
| Common Stock | 05/14/2008 | S | 800 | D | \$ 36.28 | 127,367 | D |
| Common Stock | 05/14/2008 | M | 1,000 | A | \$ 21.01 | 128,367 | D |
| Common Stock | 05/14/2008 | S | 1,000 | D | \$ 36.27 | 127,367 | D |
| Common Stock | 05/14/2008 | M | 1,300 | A | \$ 21.01 | 128,667 | D |
| Common Stock | 05/14/2008 | S | 1,300 | D | \$ 36.25 | 127,367 | D |
| Common Stock | 05/14/2008 | M | 100 | A | \$ 21.01 | 127,467 | D |
| Common Stock | 05/14/2008 | S | 100 | D | \$ 36.23 | 127,367 | D |
| | 05/14/2008 | M | 1,200 | A | | 128,567 | D |

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| Common Stock | | | | | \$ 21.01 | | |
|-----------------|------------|---|-------|---|-------------|---------|---|
| Common Stock | 05/14/2008 | S | 1,200 | D | \$ 36.18 | 127,367 | D |
| Common Stock | 05/14/2008 | M | 100 | A | \$ 21.01 | 127,467 | D |
| Common Stock | 05/14/2008 | S | 100 | D | \$ 36.16 | 127,367 | D |
| Common Stock | 05/14/2008 | M | 3,900 | A | \$ 21.01 | 131,267 | D |
| Common Stock | 05/14/2008 | S | 3,900 | D | \$ 36.14 | 127,367 | D |

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| 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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | TransactionDerivative Code Securities | | cisable and Date (Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|---|---|---|---|--|---------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Stock Option | \$ 24.99 | 05/14/2008 | | M | 19,094 | <u>(1)</u> | 02/28/2011 | Common Stock | 19,094 |
| Stock Option | \$ 21.01 | 05/14/2008 | | M | 10,400 | <u>(1)</u> | 02/28/2013 | Common Stock | 10,400 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

HARRIS MICHAEL E C/O HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES, INC. 3100 SMOKETREE COURT, SUITE 600 Executive Vice President & COO

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RALEIGH, NC 27604

Signatures

/s/Deborah A. Pike, Attorney-in-fact for Michael E.
Harris 05/16/2008

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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- * 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) Option vests ratably on the first through fourth anniversaries of grant date.

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