HUDSON HIGHLAND GROUP INC

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * OFFENSEND DAVID G

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

HUDSON HIGHLAND GROUP INC [HHGP]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last)

(City)

(First)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 05/16/2006

X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify

C/O THE NEW YORK PUBLIC LIBRARY, FIFTH AVENUE AND 42ND STREET, ROOM 210

(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

NEW YORK, NY 10018

(State) (Zip) 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. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8) | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|---|--------|------------------|---|---|---|---|
| | | (World Day Teal) | Code V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | (msu. 1) |
| Common Stock | 05/16/2006 | 05/18/2006 | A | 233 | A | \$ 12.42 | 3,899.893 | I | By Deferred Compensation Plan (1) |

25,000 D

Common

Stock

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. 5. TransactionNumber Code of (Instr. 8) 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. Price Deriva Securit (Instr.: |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|---|---------|--|--------------------|---|-------------------------------------|---|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | |
| Director Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 6.83 | | | | | (2) | 04/11/2013 | Common Stock | 50,000 | |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

OFFENSEND DAVID G C/O THE NEW YORK PUBLIC LIBRARY FIFTH AVENUE AND 42ND STREET, ROOM 210 NEW YORK, NY 10018



Signatures

By: John K. Wilson, Attorney-In-Fact 05/18/2006

**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) Balance reflects the reporting person's holdings in the Hudson Highland Group, Inc. Deferred Compensation 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.

 (2) The option vests and becomes exercisable as follows: 40% immediately upon the date of grant, 60% after 1st anniversary of the date of grant, 80% after 2nd anniversary, and 100% after 3rd anniversary.

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