

HUDSON HIGHLAND GROUP INC  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
 CHAIT JON F

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) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 01/13/2006

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 Chairman and CEO

C/O HUDSON HIGHLAND GROUP, INC., 622 THIRD AVENUE

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

NEW YORK, NY 10017

(City) (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. 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)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	01/13/2006		G	V 500 D \$ 0	6,355.307 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	By Plan <sup>(2)</sup>
Common Stock					198,200 <sup>(3)</sup>	D	

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. F. Der. Sec. (Instr. 3)	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 6.83 <sup>(3)</sup>					<u>(4)</u>	04/11/2013	Common Stock	244,500 <u>(3)</u>
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 13.25 <u>(3)</u>					<u>(5)</u>	01/18/2015	Common Stock	280,000 <u>(3)</u>

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CHAIT JON F C/O HUDSON HIGHLAND GROUP, INC. 622 THIRD AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10017	X		Chairman and CEO	

## Signatures

By: John K. Wilson,  
Attorney-In-Fact

01/17/2006

         \*\*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) The amount shown reflects the number of shares held following the reported transaction, as adjusted for a 2-for-1 stock split effectuated by the issuer on February 25, 2005.

(2) Balance reflects the reporting person's holdings in the Hudson Highland Group, Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan as of the date of this filing.

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- (3) The amounts and prices shown have been adjusted to reflect a 2-for-1 stock split effectuated by the issuer on February 25, 2005.
- Grant to reporting person of option to buy shares of common stock under the Hudson Highland Group, Inc. Long Term Incentive Plan.
- (4) The option originally granted 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.
- (5) 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: 50% after 3rd anniversary of the date of grant and 100% after 4th anniversary.

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