

HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES INC  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4** UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
 Washington, D.C. 20549

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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

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

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

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 05/14/2008

(Street)  
 RALEIGH, NC 27604

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 Person

(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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount or Price   |  |  |
| Common Stock                    | 05/14/2008                           |  | M                              |   | 1,900<br>(1)<br>\$ 21.01  | A  | 129,267 D                                  |
| Common Stock                    | 05/14/2008                           |  | M                              |   | 1,900<br>\$ 36.12   | D  | 127,367 D                                  |
| Common Stock                    | 05/14/2008                           |  | M                              |   | 1,387<br>\$ 21.01   | A  | 128,754 D                                  |
| Common Stock                    | 05/14/2008                           |  | M                              |   | 1,387<br>\$ 36.11   | D  | 127,367 D                                  |
|                                 | 05/14/2008                           |  | M                              |   | 100   | A  | 127,467 D                                  |

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|              |            |   |        |   |          |         |   |
|--------------|------------|---|--------|---|----------|---------|---|
| Common Stock |            |   |        |   | \$ 21.01 |         |   |
| Common Stock | 05/14/2008 | M | 100    | D | \$ 36.1  | 127,367 | D |
| Common Stock | 05/14/2008 | M | 2,100  | A | \$ 21.01 | 129,467 | D |
| Common Stock | 05/14/2008 | M | 2,100  | D | \$ 36.09 | 127,367 | D |
| Common Stock | 05/14/2008 | M | 1,800  | A | \$ 21.01 | 129,167 | D |
| Common Stock | 05/14/2008 | M | 1,800  | D | \$ 36.07 | 127,367 | D |
| Common Stock | 05/14/2008 | M | 1,400  | A | \$ 21.01 | 128,767 | D |
| Common Stock | 05/14/2008 | M | 1,400  | D | \$ 36.05 | 127,367 | D |
| Common Stock | 05/14/2008 | M | 1,600  | A | \$ 21.01 | 128,967 | D |
| Common Stock | 05/14/2008 | M | 1,600  | D | \$ 36.04 | 127,367 | D |
| Common Stock | 05/14/2008 | M | 1,700  | A | \$ 21.01 | 129,067 | D |
| Common Stock | 05/14/2008 | M | 1,700  | D | \$ 36.03 | 127,367 | D |
| Common Stock | 05/14/2008 | M | 4,600  | A | \$ 21.01 | 131,967 | D |
| Common Stock | 05/14/2008 | M | 4,600  | D | \$ 36.02 | 127,367 | D |
| Common Stock | 05/14/2008 | M | 13,000 | A | \$ 21.01 | 140,367 | D |
| Common Stock | 05/14/2008 | M | 13,000 | D | \$ 36.01 | 127,367 | D |
| Common Stock | 05/14/2008 | M | 400    | A | \$ 21.01 | 127,767 | D |
| Common Stock | 05/14/2008 | M | 400    | D | \$ 36.01 | 127,367 | D |
| Common Stock | 05/14/2008 | M | 2,450  | A | \$ 21.01 | 129,817 | D |
| Common Stock | 05/14/2008 | M | 2,450  | D | \$ 36    | 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                               | \$ 21.01   | 05/14/2008                           |  | M                              | 32,437  | <u>(1)</u> 02/28/2013                                    | Common Stock  | 32,437                        |

## 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/Deborah A. Pike, Attorney-in-fact for Michael E. Harris

05/16/2008

\_\_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) Option vests ratably on the first through fourth anniversaries of grant date.

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