

Gantz Joseph M
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

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| <p>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *</p> <p>Â Gantz Joseph M</p> <p>(Last) (First) (Middle)</p> <p>100 PARK AVENUE,Â SUITE 2100</p> <p>(Street)</p> <p>NEW YORK,Â NYÂ 10017</p> <p>(City) (State) (Zip)</p> | <p>2. Date of Event Requiring Statement</p> <p>(Month/Day/Year)</p> <p>12/13/2004</p> | <p>3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</p> <p>HOME PRODUCTS INTERNATIONAL INC [HOMZ]</p> | <p>4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</p> <p>(Check all applicable)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below) Chairman of the Board</p> | <p>5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)</p> | <p>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</p> |
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|---|--|
| Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share | 1,530 | D <u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u> Â | |

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

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) Title | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
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| Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Amount or Number of Shares | or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) |
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Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Gantz Joseph M 100 PARK AVENUE SUITE 2100 NEW YORK, NY 10017 | X | X | Chairman of the Board | |

Signatures

/s/ Ellen Havdala, Vice President By:
Storage Acquisition Company, L.L.C., attorney-in-fact

12/15/2004

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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).

Reporting Person is a non-managing member of Storage Acquisition Company, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company ("SAC").

(1) SAC and Reporting Person are members of a group that has filed a Schedule 13D under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, with respect to SAC's ownership of more than 10% of the outstanding common stock of the Issuer.

Reporting Person and SAC are parties to a Voting Agreement, dated October 28, 2004, pursuant to which SAC executed an irrevocable proxy for the benefit of Reporting Person. Pursuant to this agreement and proxy, Reporting Person has the right and ability to elect a majority of the members of the board of directors of the Issuer, all as described in the documents delivered to stockholders of the Issuer in connection with SAC's recently completed tender offer for shares of the Issuer's common stock. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership with respect to all shares held of record by SAC, except to the extent of its pecuniary interest or dispositive power therein.

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