

Thornton Joe Jr
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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 *
Thornton Joe Jr

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O HFF, INC., ONE OXFORD CENTRE,, 301 GRANT STREET, SUITE 600

(Street)

PITTSBURGH, PA 15219

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
HFF, Inc. [HF]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/22/2007

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|-----|-------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Code | V | Amount | (D) | Price |

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 | 2. Conversion | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if | 4. Transaction | 5. Number of Derivative | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities |
|------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|---|--|
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| Security (Instr. 3) | or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | any (Month/Day/Year) | Code (Instr. 8) | Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | | |
|----------------------------------|--|----------------------|-----------------|---|------------------|------------------|------------|----------------------------|---------|------------|
| | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | |
| Partnership units ⁽¹⁾ | <u>(2)</u> | 02/22/2007 | D | | 181,488 | <u>(2)</u> | <u>(2)</u> | Class A Common Stock | 181,488 | <u>(3)</u> |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Thornton Joe Jr C/O HFF, INC., ONE OXFORD CENTRE, 301 GRANT STREET, SUITE 600 PITTSBURGH, PA 15219 | X | | | |

Signatures

/s/ Eric O. Conrad, as attorney-in-fact 03/20/2007

__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) Partnership units of Holliday Fenoglio Fowler, L.P. and HFF Securities L.P.
Pursuant to the certificate of incorporation of HFF, Inc., HFF Holdings LLC ("HFF Holdings"), subject to certain contractual restrictions, is entitled to exchange, at permitted times, two partnership units (one of each of Holliday Fenoglio Fowler, L.P. ("HFF LP") and HFF Securities L.P. ("HFF Securities")) for one share of Class A common stock. The right to exchange will become exercisable for 25% of the partnership units on February 5, 2009 and 25% per year thereafter until fully exercisable on February 5, 2012.
- (3) Share and unit amounts represent Mr. Thornton's pro rata share of partnership units (and underlying shares) disposed of to the issuer resulting from the underwriters' exercise of their over-allotment option to purchase additional shares of Class A common stock from the issuer.

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