

HUDSON HIGHLAND GROUP INC  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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)  
 \_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
X Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Chairman and CEO

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 HUDSON HIGHLAND GROUP, INC., 560 LEXINGTON AVENUE  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 02/08/2011

NEW YORK, NY 10022

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount or Price   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 02/08/2011                           |  | A <sup>(1)</sup>               |   | 75,000<br>(1)   | A  | \$ 0 296,725 D                    |
| Common Stock                    | 02/08/2011                           |  | F <sup>(2)</sup>               |   | 7,961<br>(2)  | D  | \$ 5.75 288,764 D                 |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | 4,700 I By IRA                    |

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. Fair Market Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |                            |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title  | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)       | \$ 6.83  |                                      |  |                                |   | <u>(3)</u>   | 04/11/2013  | Common Stock   | 122,250                    |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)       | \$ 13.25   |                                      |  |                                |   | <u>(4)</u>   | 01/18/2015  | Common Stock   | 181,314                    |
| Restricted Stock                           | <u>(5)</u>   |                                      |  |                                |   | <u>(5)</u>   | 02/24/2014  | Common Stock   | 30,000                     |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |         |                  |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|------------------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other            |
| CHAIT JON F<br>HUDSON HIGHLAND GROUP, INC.<br>560 LEXINGTON AVENUE<br>NEW YORK, NY 10022 |               |           |         | Chairman and CEO |

## Signatures

/s/ John K. Wilson,  
Attorney-in-Fact

02/09/2011

\_\_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) Vesting to reporting person of restricted stock upon attainment of performance criteria. Vesting is also subject to a service condition as follows: 33% vested on February 8, 2011, 33% vest on February 17, 2012 and 34% vest on February 17, 2013.
- (2) Reflects payment of tax liability by withholding shares of stock incident to vesting of restricted stock previously issued.  
Grant to reporting person of option to buy shares of common stock under the Hudson Highland Group, Inc. Long Term Incentive Plan.
- (3) 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.
- (4) 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.
- (5) The shares of restricted stock vest as follows: 1/3 upon the 20-day average closing stock price of HHGP reaching each of \$6.00, \$9.00 and \$12.00.

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