

Hartson Robert J.
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * | | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | |
| Â Hartson Robert J. | | (Month/Day/Year) | Howard Bancorp Inc [HBMD] | |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) |
| 6011 UNIVERSITY BLVD., | | 05/15/2012 | | |
| SUITE 370 | | | (Check all applicable) | |
| (Street) | | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director | <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Officer | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| | | | (give title below) | (specify below) |
| ELLICOTT | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) | |
| CITY,Â MDÂ 21043 | | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | |

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 | 87,891 | D | Â |
| Common Stock | 19,334 | I | By Hartson Family Trust ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | 20,600 | I | By profit sharing plan ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | 16,200 | I | By wife |

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)

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| 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) | | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|---|--|--------------------|--|----------------------------------|--|--|--|
| | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | |
| Director stock options | 12/31/2004 | 12/31/2014 | Common Stock | 420 | \$ 10 | D | Â |
| Director stock options | 04/13/2005 | 04/13/2015 | Common Stock | 196 | \$ 10.25 | D | Â |
| Director stock options | 07/13/2005 | 07/13/2015 | Common Stock | 330 | \$ 10.25 | D | Â |
| Director stock options | 10/12/2005 | 10/12/2015 | Common Stock | 370 | \$ 10.5 | D | Â |
| Director stock options | 12/27/2005 | 12/27/2015 | Common Stock | 370 | \$ 11 | D | Â |
| Director stock options | 04/12/2006 | 04/12/2016 | Common Stock | 340 | \$ 11 | D | Â |
| Director stock options | 07/12/2006 | 07/12/2016 | Common Stock | 500 | \$ 11 | D | Â |
| Director stock options | 10/11/2006 | 10/11/2016 | Common Stock | 400 | \$ 13.25 | D | Â |
| Director stock options | 01/10/2007 | 01/10/2017 | Common Stock | 480 | \$ 13.99 | D | Â |
| Director stock options | 04/11/2007 | 04/11/2017 | Common Stock | 450 | \$ 14 | D | Â |
| Director stock options | 07/11/2007 | 07/11/2017 | Common Stock | 420 | \$ 14.25 | D | Â |
| Director stock options | 10/09/2007 | 10/09/2017 | Common Stock | 220 | \$ 12.5 | D | Â |
| Director stock options | 01/15/2008 | 01/15/2018 | Common Stock | 420 | \$ 11 | D | Â |
| Director stock options | 04/15/2008 | 04/15/2018 | Common Stock | 190 | \$ 11 | D | Â |
| Director stock options | 07/15/2008 | 07/15/2018 | Common Stock | 340 | \$ 11.5 | D | Â |
| Director stock options | 03/31/2009 | 03/31/2019 | Common Stock | 1,238 | \$ 8.5 | D | Â |
| Director stock options | 06/30/2009 | 06/30/2019 | Common Stock | 607 | \$ 7.65 | D | Â |

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|-----------------------------------|------------|------------|--------------|-------|--------|---|--|
| Director stock options | 09/30/2009 | 09/30/2019 | Common Stock | 1,154 | \$ 8.5 | D | Â |
| Warrants to purchase common stock | 12/15/2005 | 08/09/2014 | Common Stock | 6,324 | \$ 10 | D | Â |
| Warrants to purchase common stock | 12/15/2005 | 08/09/2014 | Common Stock | 2,500 | \$ 10 | I | By Hartson Family Trust ⁽¹⁾ |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Hartson Robert J. 6011 UNIVERSITY BLVD., SUITE 370 ELLICOTT CITY, MD 21043 | Â X | Â | Â | Â |

Signatures

George Coffman Attorney in Fact for Robert J. Hartson
05/24/2012

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).

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