

# FORM 4

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### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or  
Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * <b>KAPLAN LAWRENCE S</b>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <b>C/O HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES, INC., 3100 SMOKETREE COURT, SUITE 600</b>  (Street) <b>RALEIGH, NC 27604</b>  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <b>HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES INC [HIW]</b>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)
3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY) <b>12/31/2009</b>		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than 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. Trans. Date	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	3. Trans. 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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price

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

1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Trans. Date	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Trans. 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		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Phantom Stock	(1)	12/31/2009	12/31/2009	A		3.5		(2)	(3)	Common Stock	3.5	\$26.22	219.71	D	
Phantom Stock	\$33.73	12/31/2009	12/31/2009	D			73.63	12/31/2009	(3)	Common Stock	73.63	\$33.73	146.08	D	

#### Explanation of Responses:

- (1) Security converts to cash price of common stock on a one-for-one basis.  
(2) Pursuant to Individual Payout Election form on file.  
(3) There is no expiration date to payout election.

#### Remarks:

Distribution pursuant to the required five-year provision set forth in the Deferred Fee Plan. Such transactions were exempt from Section 16(b).

#### Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
KAPLAN LAWRENCE S C/O HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES, INC. 3100 SMOKETREE COURT, SUITE 600 RALEIGH, NC 27604	X			

#### Signatures

/s/Willis B. Howard Attorney-in-fact for Lawrence S. Kaplan

1/4/2010

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

\* 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).

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