

HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES INC

Form 4

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**FORM 4****UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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1(b).**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,  
Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
HARRIS MICHAEL E

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES,  
INC., 3100 SMOKETREE COURT,  
SUITE 600

(Street)

RALEIGH, NC 27604

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading  
SymbolHIGHWOODS PROPERTIES INC  
[HIW]3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)

02/28/2014

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)  
Executive Vice President & COO6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
☐ Form filed by More than One Reporting  
Person**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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	02/28/2014	02/28/2014	A	15,110 A (1)	120,811	D	
Common Stock	03/01/2014	03/01/2014	F	4,316 D (2)	116,495	D	
Common Stock	03/01/2014	03/01/2014	D	2,085 D (3)	114,410	D	

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. Date	9. Title	10. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 37.71	02/28/2014	02/28/2014	A	20,483	(4) 02/28/2024	Common Stock			20,483

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
HARRIS MICHAEL E C/O HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES, INC. 3100 SMOKETREE COURT, SUITE 600 RALEIGH, NC 27604	Executive Vice President & COO

## Signatures

/s/Willis B. Howard Attorney-in-fact for Michael E. Harris  
03/04/2014

\*\*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) Restricted stock is granted by the Company and not purchased by the reporting person.
- (2) In accordance with the terms of the initial restricted stock award and in connection with the vesting of the award, the reporting person tendered a portion of the restricted stock award to the issuer in satisfaction of his tax liabilities.
- (3) Represents the number of shares forfeited under the Company's Long-Term Incentive Plan - Total Shareholder Return Plan because the Company achieved above threshold, but not target, levels of performance relative to predetermined goals.
- (4) Options vest ratably over 4 years on March 1st of each year after the grant date.

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