

CHAI TRUST CO LLC

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Â Storage Acquisition Company, L.L.C. (Last) (First) (Middle)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 12/13/2004	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol HOME PRODUCTS INTERNATIONAL INC [HOMZ]	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below)	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
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C/O EQUITY GROUP
INVESTMENT LLC,Â TWO
NORTH RIVERSIDE PLAZA,
SUITE 600

 (Street)

CHICAGO,Â ILÂ 60606

 (City) (State) (Zip)

6. 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 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, par value \$0.01 per share	7,365,360 ⁽¹⁾	I ⁽²⁾	See Footnote ⁽²⁾

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)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying	4. Conversion	5. Ownership	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
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(Month/Day/Year)	Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	(Instr. 5)
Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Storage Acquisition Company, L.L.C. C/O EQUITY GROUP INVESTMENT LLC TWO NORTH RIVERSIDE PLAZA, SUITE 600 CHICAGO, IL 60606	Â	Â X	Â	Â
EGI FUND 02 04 INVESTORS LLC C/O EQUITY GROUP INVESTMENTS 2 N RIVERSIDE PLZ CHICAGO, IL 60606	Â	Â X	Â	Â
EGI MANAGING MEMBER 02 04 LLC EQUITY GROUP INVESTMENTS LLC 2 N RIVERSIDE PALZA STE 600 CHICAGO, IL 60606	Â	Â X	Â	Â
SZ INVESTMENTS LLC TWO NORTH RIVERSIDE PLAZA CHICAGO, IL 60606	Â	Â X	Â	Â
CHAI TRUST CO LLC Â	Â	Â X	Â	Â
ZELL GENERAL PARTNERSHIP INC Â	Â	Â X	Â	Â

Signatures

/s/ Donald J. Liebenritt, Vice President of Storage Acquisition Company,
L.L.C.

12/15/2004

____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).
- (1) The reporting person is a member of a Section 13(d) group that owns more than 10% of the issuer's outstanding common stock.
- (2) These shares are directly beneficially owned by Storage Acquisition Company, L.L.C. ("SAC"), and indirectly beneficially owned by each of (i) EGI-Fund (02-04) Investors, L.L.C., the sole managing member of SAC ("EGI Fund 02-04"), (ii) EGI-Managing Member (02-04), L.L.C., the managing member of Fund 02-04 ("EGI Managing Member"), (iii) SZ Investments, L.L.C., the managing member of MM ("SZI"), (iv) Zell General Partnership, Inc., the manager of SZI ("ZGP"), and (v) Chai Trust Company, L.L.C., the indirect owner of

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SZI ("Chai"). Each of EGI Fund 02-04, EGI Managing Member, SZI, ZGP and Chai disclaims beneficial ownership with respect to all shares held of record by SAC, except to the extent of its pecuniary interest therein.

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