#### PATE WILLIAM Form 3 December 15, 2004 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION FORM 3 Washington, D.C. 20549 OMB

### **INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> PATE WILLIAM	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol HOME PRODUCTS INTERNATIONAL INC [HOMZ]			
(Last) (First) (Middle)	12/13/2004	4. Relationship of Re Person(s) to Issuer	eporting	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	
TWO NORTH RIVERSIDE PLAZA, SUITE 600		(Check all applicable)			
(Street) CHICAGO, IL 60606		XDirector10% Owner XOfficerOther (give title below) (specify below) Vice President		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 - N	on-Derivative S	ecurities Be	neficially Owned	
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1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Date Exercisable and		3. Title and Amount of		4.	5.	6. Nature of Indirect
(Instr. 4) Expiration Date		Securities Underlying		Conversion	Ownership	Beneficial Ownership	
	(Month/Day/Year)		Derivative Security		or Exercise	Form of	(Instr. 5)
			(Instr. 4)		Price of	Derivative	
	Date Expin Exercisable Date	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Derivative	Security:	
					Security	Direct (D)	
						or Indirect	
						(I)	

(Instr. 5)

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address		Relationships					
		Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
PATE WILLIAM TWO NORTH RIVERSIDE SUITE 600 CHICAGO, IL 60606	TWO NORTH RIVERSIDE PLAZA SUITE 600		Â	Vice President	Â		
Signatures							
/s/ William C. Pate	2/15/2004						
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date						

## **Explanation of Responses:**

### No securities are beneficially owned

- \* 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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### **Remarks:**

No securities beneficially owned.

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