

Hartson Robert J.  
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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 *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> 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 <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	20,600	I	By profit sharing plan <sup>(1)</sup>
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 <sup>(1)</sup>

## 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).

(1) By Hartson Family Trust

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