

CHAI TRUST CO LLC  
 Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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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)

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|--|---------|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *  |         | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol |  |
| Â Storage Acquisition Company, L.L.C.  |         | (Month/Day/Year)                     | HOME PRODUCTS INTERNATIONAL INC [HOMZ]             |  |
| (Last)   | (First) | (Middle)                             | 12/13/2004   |  |
| C/O EQUITY GROUP INVESTMENT LLC, Â TWO NORTH RIVERSIDE PLAZA, SUITE 600          |         |                                      | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer   | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) |
| (Street)   |         |                                      | (Check all applicable)                             |  |
| CHICAGO, Â IL Â 60606  |         |                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Director                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner        |
| (City)   |         |                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Officer                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Other                       |
| (State)  |         |                                      | (give title below) (specify below)                 |  |
| 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)                       |         |                                      |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person                      |         |                                      |  |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |         |                                      |  |  |

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security<br>(Instr. 4)       | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned<br>(Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
|--|--|---|--|
| Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share | 7,365,360 <u>(1)</u>                                     | I <u>(2)</u>  | See Footnote <u>(2)</u>                                  |

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<br>(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<br>(Instr. 4) | or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | Form of<br>Derivative<br>Security:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 5) | (Instr. 5) |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------|---|--|------------|
| Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date                | Title   | Amount or<br>Number of<br>Shares   |            |

## Reporting Owners

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