

Hartson Robert J.  
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**FORM 4** UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Hartson Robert J.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
Howard Bancorp Inc [HBMD]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
6011 UNIVERSITY BLVD., SUITE 370

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
02/20/2013

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

ELLICOTT CITY, MD 21043

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |         |   |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|---------|---|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | (A) or (D)   | Price                             |         |   |
| Common Stock                    | 02/20/2013                           | 02/20/2013   | P                              |   | 2,000   | A  | \$ 6.89                           | 137,063 | D |
| Common Stock                    | 02/20/2013                           |  | P                              |   | 0   | A  | \$ 0                              | 25,000  | I |
| Common Stock                    | 02/20/2013                           |  | P                              |   | 0   | A  | \$ 0                              | 20,600  | I |
| Common Stock                    | 02/20/2013                           |  | P                              |   | 0   | A  | \$ 0                              | 16,200  | I |

By  
Hartson Family Trust  
By Profit Sharing Plan  
By Spouse

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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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Beneficially (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
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## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Hartson Robert J.<br>6011 UNIVERSITY BLVD.<br>SUITE 370<br>ELLCOTT CITY, MD 21043 |               | X         |         |       |

## Signatures

George C. Coffman, Attorney in fact for Robert J. Hartson  
Date: 02/22/2013

\_\_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).

### Remarks:

Purchase of shares was in direct ownership only. Indirect relationships are included to reflect ownership levels.

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