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## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

|   |            |             |                                     |                          |   |  |   |                         |  |      | 1941.19 7.10  |  |   |   |   |                                   |   |                                  |  |
|---|------------|-------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------|--|------|---|--|---|---|---|-----------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  ZELL SAMUEL   |            |             |                                     |                          | <u>N</u>  | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol  MANUFACTURED HOME  COMMUNITIES INC [ MHC ] |   |                         |  |      |   |  |   | Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)     X Director X 10% Owner |   |                                   |   |                                  |  |
| (Last) (First) (Middle)   |            |             |                                     |                          |   | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)   |   |                         |  |      |   |  |   | X Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)  Chairman of the Board                       |   |                                   |   |                                  |  |
| TWO NORTH RIVERSIDE PLAZA SUITE 600   |            |             |                                     |                          | 10  | 10/01/2003   |   |                         |  |      |   |  |   | 3000  |   |                                   |   |                                  |  |
| (Street)  |            |             |                                     |                          | - 4.  | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                                       |   |                         |  |      |   |  |   | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)                                     |   |                                   |   |                                  |  |
| CHICAGO IL 60606  |            |             |                                     |                          | _   |  |   |                         |  |      |   | X Form filed by One Reporting Person  Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |   |   |   |                                   |   |                                  |  |
| (City)  | (St        | ate)        | (Zip)                               |                          |   |  |   |                         |  |      |   |  |   | F 613   | OII   |                                   |   |                                  |  |
| Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned  |            |             |                                     |                          |   |  |   |                         |  |      |   |  |   |   |   |                                   |   |                                  |  |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)   |            |             | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year | ar)                      | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year)           |  | 3.<br>Transaction<br>Code (Instr.<br>8)                   |                         | 4. Securities Acquir<br>Disposed Of (D) (In:<br>5) |      |   |  | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported |   | 6. Ownersh<br>Form: Direc<br>(D) or Indirec<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | ct Bene<br>ect Own                | 7. Nature of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership (Instr. 4) |                                  |  |
|   |            |             |                                     |                          |   |  |   | Code                    | e V  | Amou | unt   | (A) or<br>(D)  | Price   | Transaction(s<br>(Instr. 3 and 4)   |   |                                   |   |                                  |  |
| Common  | Stock, par | value \$.01 |                                     | 10/01/200                | 3   |  |   | I                       |  | 2    | 47  | A  | \$31.96   | 16,885  |   | I                                 | ***   | (1)                              |  |
| Common  | Stock, par | value \$.01 |                                     | 10/28/200                | 2   |  |   | <b>P</b> <sup>(2)</sup> |  | 1,0  | 000   | A  | \$29.5  | 1,000   |   | I                                 |   | Spouse as<br>stee <sup>(3)</sup> |  |
| Common  | Stock, par | value \$.01 |                                     | 02/04/200                | 3   |  |   | <b>P</b> <sup>(2)</sup> |  | 1    | 00  | A  | \$28.25   | 1,100   |   | I                                 |   | Spouse as<br>stee <sup>(3)</sup> |  |
| Common  | Stock, par | value \$.01 |                                     | 02/04/200                | 3   |  |   | <b>P</b> (2)            |  | 2    | 00  | A  | \$28.26   | 1,300   |   | I                                 |   | Spouse as<br>stee <sup>(3)</sup> |  |
| Common  | Stock, par | value \$.01 |                                     | 02/04/200                | 3   |  |   | <b>p</b> (2)            |  | 7    | 00  | A  | \$28.3  | 2,000   |   | I                                 |   | Spouse as stee <sup>(3)</sup>    |  |
| Common  | Stock, par | value \$.01 |                                     |                          |   |  |   |                         |  |      |   |  |   | 30,666  |   | D                                 |   |                                  |  |
| Common  | Stock, par | value \$.01 |                                     |                          |   |  |   |                         |  |      |   |  |   | 7,000   |   | I                                 | *(4)  |                                  |  |
| Common  | Stock, par | value \$.01 |                                     |                          |   |  |   |                         |  |      |   |  |   | 294,133   |   | I                                 | ***   | **(5)                            |  |
| Common  | Stock, par | value \$.01 |                                     |                          |   |  |   |                         |  |      |   |  |   | 6,003   |   | I                                 | ***   | ***(6)                           |  |
| Common  | Stock, par | value \$.01 |                                     |                          |   |  |   |                         |  |      |   |  |   | 10,551  |   | I                                 | ***   | ****(7)                          |  |
| Common  | Stock, par | value \$.01 |                                     |                          |   |  |   |                         |  |      |   |  |   | 446,000   |   | I                                 | ***   | ****(8)                          |  |
| Common  | Stock, par | value \$.01 |                                     |                          |   |  |   |                         |  |      |   |  |   | 8,887   |   | I                                 | ***   | *****(9)                         |  |
| Common  | Stock, par | value \$.01 |                                     |                          |   |  |   |                         |  |      |   |  |   | 8,887   |   | I                                 | ***   | ******(10)                       |  |
|   |            | 7           | able                                | II - Derivat<br>(e.g., p |   |  |   |                         |  |      |   |  | Beneficia<br>ecurities  |   |   |                                   |   |                                  |  |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)  2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security  2. Conversion Date (Month/Day/Year) if any (Month/Day/Year) |            |             | ecution Date,                       |                          | 4.<br>Transaction Code (Instr. 8)<br>See Acc (A)<br>Dis of (Instr. 8) |  | Number 6. Dat Expirivative (Montourities quired or sposed |                         | Exercisable and<br>ion Date<br>(Day/Year)          |      | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative<br>Security (Instr.<br>and 4) |  | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5)           | derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned   |   | Ownership of Form: B Direct (D) O | Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>t (Instr. 4)                     |                                  |  |
|   |            |             |                                     |                          | Code  | e V  | (A) (   |                         | Date<br>Exercisa                                   |      | Expiratior<br>Date  | n Title  | Amoun<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares                         |   |   |                                   |   |                                  |  |
| Explanation   | of Respons | es:         |                                     |                          |   |  |   |                         |  |      |   |  |   |   |   |                                   |   |                                  |  |

- 1. Shares reported herein are beneficially owned by The Security Trust Company as Trustee of the Manufactured Home Communities, Inc. Supplemental Employees Retirement Plan for the benefit of the Reporting Person.
- 2. By Spouse as Trustee for the Helen Zell Revocable Trust.
- 3. Common shares reported herein are beneficially owned by Rochelle Zell Revocable Trust ("RZ"). Mr. Zell is a trustee and beneficiary of the RZ and, as such he may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of the Common Shares reported herein.
- 4. The shares reported herein are beneficially owned by the Donald S. Chisholm Trust. Mr. Zell is the trustee of such trust but he disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares owned by such trust.
- 5. The shares reported herein are beneficially owned by Samstock/SZRT, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company whose sole member is the Sam Zell Revocable Trust ("Zell Trust"). Mr. Zell is the trustee and beneficiary of such trust.
- 6. The shares reported herein are beneficially owned by Samstock/ZGPI, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company, whose sole member is Zell General Partnership, Inc. ("Zell GP"). Sam Investment Trust ("SIT") is the sole stockholder of Zell GP. Chai Trust Company, L.L.C. ("Chai Trust") is the trustee of SIT. Mr. Zell is not an officer or director of Chai Trust and does not have voting or dispositive power over

such shares. Mr. Zell disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

- 7. The shares reported herein are beneficially owned by the Zell Trust.
- 8. The shares reported herein are beneficially owned by Samstock, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company whose sole member is SZ Investments, L.L.C. ("SZ"). The managing member of SZ is Zell GP. SIT is the sole stockholder of Zell GP, and Chai Trust is the trustee of SIT. Mr. Zell is not an officer of director of Chai Trust and does not have voting or dispositive power over such shares. Mr. Zell disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.
- 9. The shares reported herein are beneficially owned by Samstock/Alpha, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company whose sole member is Alphabet Partners, an Illinois Partnership. Alphabet Partners is owned by various trusts established for the benefit of Mr. Zell and members of his family, the trustee of which is Chai Trust. Mr. Zell is not an officer or director of Chai Trust and does not have voting or dispositive power over such shares. Mr. Zell disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.
- 10. The shares reported herein are beneficially owned by Samstock/ZFT, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company whose sole member is ZFT Partnership, an Illinois partnership. ZFT Partnership is owned by various trusts established for the benefit of Mr. Zell and members of his family, the trustee of which is Chai Trust. Mr. Zell is not an officer or director of Chai Trust and does not have voting or dispositive power over such shares. Mr. Zell disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares except to the extent to his pecuniary interest therein.

By: Jennifer L. Usher, Power of Atty. For: Samuel Zell

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- \* 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).

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