



Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.**

National Health Investors, Inc. (NHI) announced effective December 31, 2006, the appointments of Roger R. Hopkins as Chief Accounting Officer and Kenneth D. DenBesten as Secretary. Hopkins succeeds Donald K. Daniel who resigned on the same day. This resignation is a result of the previously announced decision to end the use of National HealthCare Corporation senior officers to advise NHI.

Hopkins, 45, joined NHI's management advisor, Management Advisory Source, LLC in July, 2006. Until June, 2006, Hopkins was a partner in the Tennessee regional accounting firm of Rodefer Moss & Co., PLLC, having been with the firm four years serving a variety of private and publicly-held companies. Hopkins previously worked in the Nashville, Tennessee office of Deloitte & Touche, holding the position of senior manager. Hopkins received his bachelor's degree in accounting from Tennessee Technological University and is a Certified Public Accountant.

DenBesten, 54, has served as Senior Vice President of Finance of NHI since 1992. He has a B.S. in business administration and an M.S. in finance from the University of Arizona.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

National Health Investors, Inc.

By: /s/ W. Andrew Adams

Name: W. Andrew Adams

Title: Chief Executive Officer

Date: January 4, 2007