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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

**SCHEDULE 13G  
Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
(Amendment No.     )\***

**James Hardie Industries NV**

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(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock

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(Title of Class of Securities)

013810150

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(CUSIP Number)

September 27, 2007

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(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

- Rule 13d-1(b)
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2.	Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)  (a) <input type="checkbox"/> (b) <input type="checkbox"/>	
3.	SEC Use Only	
4.	Citizenship or Place of Organization  Australia	
Number of Shares Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person With:	5.	Sole Voting Power  0
	6.	Shared Voting Power  20,741,533
	7.	Sole Dispositive Power  0
	8.	Shared Dispositive Power  20,741,533
9.	Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person  20,741,533	
10.	Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)  <input type="checkbox"/>	
11.	Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9)  4.43%	
12.	Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)  CO	

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**Item 1.(a) Name of Issuer**

James Hardie Industries NV

**Item 1.(b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices**

Level 8,  
Atrium, Unit 04-07  
Strawinskylaan 3077  
Amsterdam, 1077 ZX  
Netherlands

**Item 2.(a) Name of Persons Filing**

Commonwealth Bank of Australia

**Item 2.(b) Address of Principal Business Office or, if none, Residence**

48 Martin Place, Level 2, Sydney NSW 2000, Australia

**Item 2.(c) Citizenship**

Australia

**Item 2.(d) Title of Class of Securities**

Common Stock, No Par.

**Item 2.(e) CUSIP Number**

013810150

**Item 3. If this statement is filed pursuant to §§240.13d-1(b) or 240.13d-2(b) or (c), check whether the person filing is a:**

N/A

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**Item 4. Ownership.**

Provide the following information regarding the aggregate number and percentage of the class class of securities of the issuer identified in Item 1.

- (a) Amount beneficially owned:  
20,741,533
- (b) Percent of class:  
4.43%
- (c) Number of shares as to which the person has:
  - (i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote :  
0
  - (ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote:  
20,741,533
  - (iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of :  
0
  - (iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of :  
20,741,533

The information contained in Items 5-11 of the cover page is incorporated herein by reference. The reporting person ("CBA") may be deemed to beneficially own 20,741,533 shares of Common Stock of James Hardie Industries NV ("JHX") as a result of the aggregate holdings of certain of its wholly owned subsidiaries. The shares of JHX are traded on the Australian Stock Exchange (the "ASX"). The shares were acquired on the ASX by Colonial First State Investment Group Limited ("Colonial First State"), CommSec Trading Limited, all of which are wholly owned subsidiaries of CBA (collectively, the "CBA Subsidiaries"). The CBA Subsidiaries hold the shares for clients who have shared voting and dispositive power with the CBA Subsidiaries over the shares.

Additionally, Colonial First State Investments Limited, as the responsible entity under Australian law of the "First Choice" funds, had outsourced, to external managers unrelated to CBA, certain voting and dispositive functions over securities acquired by these external managers and held in these funds, including James Hardie Industries NV. Under these outsourcing arrangements, external managers unrelated to CBA have acquired 6,627,117 of JHX, on behalf of Colonial First State.

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Additionally, Avanteos Investments Limited, a subsidiary of the CBA, as the responsible entity of the Symetry Personal Retirement Fund, had outsourced, to external managers unrelated to CBA, certain voting and dispositive functions over securities acquired by these external managers and held in the above Fund, including James Hardie Industries NV. Under these outsourcing arrangements, these managers have acquired 940 of JHX, on behalf of Avanteos Investments Limited.

**Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class**

This statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class of securities.

**Item 6. Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person**

**Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on By the Parent Holding Company**

See Exhibit A.

**Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group**

N/A

**Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group**

**Item 10. Certification**

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

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**SIGNATURE**

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

October 2, 2007

COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA

By:



Name: John Damien Hatton  
Title: Company Secretary

COLONIAL FIRST STATE INVESTMENTS LIMITED

By:



Name: John Paull  
Title: Head of Operations

**EXHIBIT A**

SUBSIDIARIES ACQUIRING SECURITIES BEING REPORTED ON  
BY THE PARENT HOLDING COMPANY OR CONTROL PERSON

Company  
Avanteos Investments Limited

Type of Company  
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