

FORM 6-K

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

Report of Foreign Private Issuer

Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

June 28, 2004

JAMES HARDIE INDUSTRIES N.V.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

4th Level, Atrium, unit 04-07
Strawinskylaan 3077
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(Address of principal executive offices)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover
Form 20-F or Form 40-F.

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12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Yes No ..X...

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connection with Rule 12g3-2(b): Not Applicable

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Safe Harbor Statement

The exhibit attached to this Form 6-K contains forward-looking statements. Words such as “believe,” “anticipate,” “plan,” “expect,” “intend,” “target,” “estimate,” “project,” “predict,” “forecast,” “guideline,” “should,” “aim” and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements but are not the exclusive means of identifying such statements. Forward-looking statements involve inherent risks and uncertainties. We caution you that a number of important factors could cause actual results to differ materially from the plans, objectives, expectations, estimates and intentions expressed in such forward-looking statements. These factors, which are further discussed in our reports submitted to the Securities and Exchange Commission on Forms 20-F and 6-K and in our other filings, include but are not limited to: competition and product pricing in the markets in which we operate; general economic and market conditions; compliance with, and possible changes in, environmental and health and safety laws; dependence on cyclical construction markets; the supply and cost of raw materials; our reliance on a small number of product distributors; the consequences of product failures or defects; exposure to environmental or other legal proceedings; and risks of conducting business internationally. We caution you that the foregoing list of factors is not exclusive and that other risks and uncertainties may cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements speak only as of the date they are made.

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SIGNATURES

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

James Hardie Industries N.V.

Date: June 28, 2004

By: /s/ Pim Vlot

Pim Vlot
Secretary

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25 June 2004

James Hardie Industries N.V.
ARBN 097 829 895
Incorporated in The Netherlands
The liability of members is limited

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Dear Sir

James Hardie Industries NV – Independence of Directors

The James Hardie Board has considered the issue of the independence of the Company's directors. The Company's approach to the question of independence will be described in its 2004 Annual Report to be released on 28 June 2004.

The Joint Board has determined that each of its members is independent, other than Mr Peter Macdonald and Mr Peter Cameron. Mr Folkert Zwinkels, a member of the Managing Board, is not independent.

Mr Macdonald is the Company's CEO, a member of the Managing Board and Joint Board and is not independent.

Mr Zwinkels is the Company's treasurer, a member of the Managing Board and is not independent.

Mr Cameron was, until 31 March 2002, a partner of Australian law firm Allens Arthur Robinson. Allens Arthur Robinson is advising the Company in relation to the New South Wales Government's Special Commission of Inquiry into the Medical Research and Compensation Foundation. In view of the significance of that inquiry, the Board currently considers the firm to be a material professional adviser to the Company. As such, Mr Cameron is not considered independent having regard to the Company's approach to the question of independence and the provisions of the ASX Corporate Governance Council Principles of Good Corporate Governance and Best Practice Recommendations.

Yours faithfully

/s/ Alan Kneeshaw

Alan Kneeshaw
Manager Secretarial Services