

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

July 21, 2004

JAMES HARDIE INDUSTRIES N.V.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

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(Address of principal executive offices)

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under cover Form 20-F or Form 40-F.

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Yes No

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Safe Harbor Statement

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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: July 21, 2004

By: /s/ W. (Pim) Vlot
Pim Vlot
Secretary

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Dear Sir/Madam

James Hardie will conduct a management briefing of its 1st Quarter FY05 Results on Tuesday, 10 August 2004.

The management briefing will commence at 11.00am via a teleconference and audio webcast which will be available on the following:

Domestic: 02 9423 1645

International: +61 2 9423 1645

URL: <http://events.genesysrichmedia.com/jameshardie/2004/08/10/>

Yours faithfully

/s/ Steve Ashe

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19 July 2004

company statement

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Board Committee established

The Board of James Hardie announced today that it has established a committee of the Board to oversee the company's further participation in the Special Commission of Inquiry into the Medical Research and Compensation Foundation (MRCF).

The Chairman, Mr Alan McGregor, said that the committee will be made up of three Directors; Meredith Hellicar, Donald McGauchie and Michael Gillfillan. Ms Hellicar will chair the committee whose responsibilities will also include:

- Reviewing the Commissioner's report, due for delivery to the NSW Government by 21 September 2004, and recommending to the Board appropriate actions in response to its findings;
- Overseeing on behalf of the company any developments or discussion of suitable arrangements to ensure all legitimate claimants receive fair and equitable compensation and taking any recommendations to the Board and, ultimately, to shareholders for approval.

Ms Hellicar said that the committee looked forward to the finalisation of the Inquiry, reviewing its outcomes and developing meaningful responses to them.

"The Board is deeply concerned that asbestos related claims now are projected to be far in excess of amounts anticipated at the time of establishment of the MRCF. Subject to the Inquiry's findings we are hopeful that an effective statutory scheme that provides resolution for claimants and shareholders will be established," Ms Hellicar said.

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