

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

September 8, 2004

JAMES HARDIE INDUSTRIES N.V.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

4th Level, Atrium, unit 04-07
Strawinskylaan 3077
1077 ZX Amsterdam, The Netherlands
(Address of principal executive offices)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file
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the registrant is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission
pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Yes No

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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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99.1	Letter to CUFS holders – Filed with the Australian Stock Exchange on September 8, 2004

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: September 8, 2004

By: /s/ Peter Shafron

Peter Shafron
Chief Financial Officer

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8 September 2004

To our CUFS holders

The James Hardie 2004 Annual Information Meeting (AIM) – practical issues and registration requirements

As announced on 13 August 2004, the James Hardie Annual Information Meeting (AIM) and the Annual General Meeting (AGM) will shortly be held in Sydney and Amsterdam, respectively. The items of business for discussion at the AIM (Sydney, 15 September) and for consideration and vote at the AGM (Amsterdam, 17 September) were advised in the formal Notice of Meetings, lodged with the ASX and sent to CUFS holders on 13 August 2004.

If you plan to attend the Sydney AIM in person, please note the following important information regarding your attendance.

Arriving at the AIM

A number of unions have indicated an intention to conduct a protest outside the meeting venue at Darling Harbour. To avoid potential delay or disruption caused by this action, CUFS holders might consider arriving well before the scheduled start of 10am, to allow time to register with Computershare, our CUFS registry.

Registering

As advised with the Notice of Meetings, CUFS holders will be required to register their attendance as CUFS holders on the day of the meeting. As such, please bring identification and a record of your CUFS holder number to the meeting (a copy of this bar-coded letter will suffice). This will allow you to enter and take part in the meeting. At the meeting you will be able to submit your direction forms.

Some non-CUFS holders have been invited to attend the meeting. They include, for example, company representatives and advisers and certain sections of the media. Non-CUFS holder attendees will also be required to register (and will need to present some form of identification in order to do so). Non-CUFS holders will be observers of the meeting only.

NSW Special Commission of Inquiry

The AIM and The AGM are not able to formally consider or vote upon any matters relating to the NSW Special Commission of Inquiry, including matters relating to the establishment or funding of a statutory or other scheme for asbestos victims. The Company continues to await the outcome of the Commissioner's report (due on 21 September 2004) and its recommendations, including any recommendations on scheme and funding proposals. In relation to any scheme proposal, the Company must also await the NSW Government's response to these issues. Further announcements will be made when it is possible and appropriate to do so. There may be a meeting in this regard at some future stage.

Voting

As stated in the Notice of Meetings, no voting on the listed resolutions can take place at the AIM in Sydney, although CUFS holders will be able to lodge direction forms specifying how their vote is to be recorded at the AGM in the Netherlands.

Webcast

If you are not going to attend the meeting in person, the AIM will be broadcast live on the internet at www.jameshardie.com (select Investor Relations and then Annual Meetings). You can also listen to the meeting by conference call, by telephoning 02 9423 1645, or international +61 2 94231645.

Copies of the Notice of Meetings and other information regarding the AIM and the AGM can be obtained from the James Hardie website www.jameshardie.com or by contacting the Company's registry: Computershare Investor Services Pty Ltd, GPO Box 7045 Sydney NSW 2000, telephone 1300 855 080 (international 61 3 94154000). Copies of the notice of meetings are also at James Hardie's registered office in Amsterdam.

Yours faithfully

/s/ (Pim) Vlot

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COMPANY SECRETARY