

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 6-K

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

September 21, 2004

JAMES HARDIE INDUSTRIES N.V.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

4th Level, Atrium, unit 04-07
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1077 ZX Amsterdam, The Netherlands
(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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Indicate by check mark whether by furnishing the information contained in this Form, 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 ..X...

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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: September 21, 2004

By: /s/ W. (Pim) Vlot

W. (Pim) Vlot
Secretary

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21 September 2004

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SYDNEY NSW 2000

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Dear Sir,

Request for Trading Halt

On behalf of James Hardie Industries NV (James Hardie), I request a trading halt in all securities of James Hardie from the commencement of trading today, Tuesday 21 September 2004.

In accordance with Listing Rule 17.1, I advise:

1. The company is informed that the NSW Government will be selectively releasing the report of the Special Commission of Inquiry into the Medical Research and Compensation Foundation (the Report) during the morning of Tuesday, 21 September 2004.
 2. The company is also informed that the Report will be made publicly available by the NSW Government only during the early afternoon of Tuesday 21 September 2004 by way of becoming available on the NSW Cabinet Office website (www.cabinet.nsw.gov.au), and possibly other government websites.
 3. The company therefore understands that the report will not necessarily be freely and equally available to market participants until it becomes available on such website(s), and concerns could therefore arise that sections of the market may be advantaged over others in relation to trading in the company's securities by having privileged access to the contents of the Report. The trading halt is requested to avoid this circumstance.
 4. It is requested that the trading halt remain in place until the Report has been made available to the public, either by becoming available on the Commission's website, or some other means. James Hardie expects this to occur in the early afternoon today, and it will inform the ASX in writing that this has occurred and the manner it has occurred as soon as James Hardie becomes aware of the same.
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5. Subject to James Hardie itself obtaining a copy of the Report in a suitable form, and to copyright and other considerations (such as the possible length of the report), James Hardie proposes itself to seek to make the Report available to the market as soon as possible, for example, on James Hardie's own website, and/or delivering a copy of the Report to the ASX announcements platform.
6. James Hardie is not aware of any reason why the trading halt should not be granted.

If you have any questions concerning the above, please do not hesitate to contact Steve Ashe in Sydney on 8274 5246

Yours faithfully

/s/ W. (Pim) Vlot

James Hardie Industries NV

By: W. (Pim) Vlot

As: Company Secretary



MARKET RELEASE

21 September 2004

James Hardie Industries N.V.

TRADING HALT

The securities of James Hardie Industries N.V. (the "Company") will be placed in pre-open at the request of the Company, pending the release of an announcement by the Company. Unless ASX decides otherwise, the securities will remain in pre-open until the earlier of the commencement of normal trading on Thursday, 23 September 2004 or when the announcement is released to the market.

Security Code: JHX

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard Hajzuk'.

Richard Hajzuk
Companies Adviser

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