

**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**

July 1, 2005

1-15240  
(Commission File Number)

**JAMES HARDIE INDUSTRIES N.V.**

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Atrium, 8th floor  
Strawinskylaan 3077  
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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Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Yes  No

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### Safe Harbor Statement

The exhibit attached to this form 6-K contains forward-looking statements. We may from time to time make forward-looking statements in our periodic reports filed with or furnished to the United States Securities and Exchange Commission on Forms 20-F and 6-K, in our annual reports to shareholders, in offering circulars and prospectuses, in media releases and other written materials and in oral statements made by our officers, directors or employees to analysts, institutional investors, representatives of the media and others. Examples of such forward-looking statements include:

- projections of our operating results or financial condition;
- statements regarding our plans, objectives or goals, including those relating to competition, acquisitions, dispositions and our products;
- statements about our future economic performance;
- statements about product or environmental liabilities; and
- expectations about payments to a special purpose fund for the compensation of proven asbestos-related personal injury and death claims.

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, some of which are discussed under “Risk Factors” in our Form 20-F, include but are not limited to: all matters relating to or arising out of the prior manufacture of products that contained asbestos by current and former James Hardie Group subsidiaries; compliance with and changes in tax laws and treatments; competition and product pricing in the markets in which we operate; the consequences of product failures or defects; exposure to environmental, asbestos or other legal proceedings; general economic and market conditions; the supply and cost of raw materials; the success of our research and development efforts; our reliance on a small number of product distributors; compliance with and changes in environmental and health and safety laws; risks of conducting business internationally; compliance with and changes in laws and regulations; foreign exchange risks; the successful implementation of new software systems; and the successful transition of our new senior management. 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 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: July 1, 2005

By: /s/ Benjamin Butterfield  
Benjamin Butterfield  
Secretary

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company statement

30 June 2005

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**Appointment to Managing Board  
and New Company Secretary**

James Hardie announced today that Mr Benjamin Butterfield has been appointed to its Managing Board and to the position of Company Secretary effective 1 July 2005.

Mr Butterfield joined James Hardie in January 2005 as General Counsel, and he retains this position.

Prior to this, he was most recently, General Counsel of Lennar Corporation. He is a former General Counsel of Hughes Supply, Inc and partner of the US law firm Maguire, Voorhis, & Wells, PA (now part of Holland & Knight LLP).

Ben has a Bachelor of Arts from Covenant College in Lookout Mountain, Tennessee, and a Juris Doctorate from Stetson University College of Law in St. Petersburg, Florida.

Mr Butterfield's appointment follows the resignation of Mr Pim Vlot from the Managing Board and as Company Secretary effective close of business 30 June 2005.

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

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- *statements about our future economic performance or that of the United States, Australia or other countries in which we operate; and*
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