

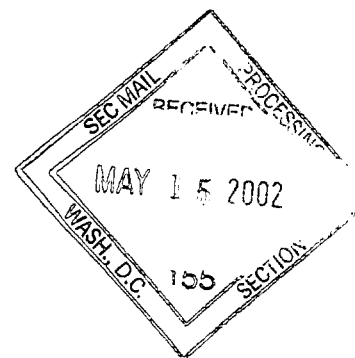


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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20549

**FORM 6-K**

**REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER  
PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 OF  
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**



Date of Report: May 14, 2002

**JAMES HARDIE INDUSTRIES N.V.**

**WORLD TRADE CENTER, STRAWINSKYLAAN 1725  
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(Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F.)

Form 20-F  Form 40-F

(Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information contained in this form is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.)

Yes  No

(If "Yes" is marked, indicate below the file number assigned to the registrant in connection with Rule 12g3-2(b): Not applicable.

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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, including risks associated with the failure to obtain necessary governmental or regulatory approvals and /or changing conditions in the marketplace. Other factors, which are further discussed in our periodic reports filed with 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, and we do not undertake any obligation to update them in light of new information or future developments.

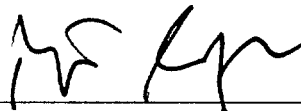
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<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Letter dated April 26, 2002 titled "Gypsum Sale Closed"

## SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Security 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Shafron', is written above a horizontal line.

Date: May 14, 2002

Peter Shafron  
General Counsel and Secretary



**James Hardie**

## Facsimile

**To:** The Manager  
Company Announcements Office  
**Company:** Australian Stock Exchange Limited  
**Fax No:** 1300 300 021  
**From:** Alan Kneeshaw  
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### Gypsum sale closed

James Hardie today announced that it had closed on its previously announced agreement to sell James Hardie Gypsum to BPB PLC for US\$345M. The transaction cleared the necessary conditions and approvals and was closed at 2 pm Pacific time, 25 April in California.

Yours faithfully

Alan Kneeshaw