

HARDIE JAMES INDUSTRIES NV

Form 6-K

December 17, 2004

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**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**

December 17, 2004

1-15240  
(Commission File Number)

**JAMES HARDIE INDUSTRIES N.V.**

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

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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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Yes  No

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**Safe Harbor Statement**

The exhibits attached to this form 6-K contain forward-looking statements. We may from time to time make forward-looking statements in our periodic reports filed with the 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 of our plans, objectives or goals, including those relating to competition, acquisitions, dispositions and our products;

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

statements about product or environmental liabilities.

Words such as believe, anticipate, plan, expect, intend, target, estimate, project, predict, forecast, 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 include but are not limited to: all matters relating to or arising out of the prior manufacture of asbestos by ABN 60 and certain former subsidiaries; 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; the successful transition of new senior management; the success of our research and development efforts; 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, asbestos or other legal proceedings; risks of conducting business internationally; compliance with and changes in tax laws and treatments; and foreign exchange risks. 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: December 17, 2004

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

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