

HARDIE JAMES INDUSTRIES NV

Form 6-K

July 16, 2004

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**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**

July 16, 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 annual reports  
under cover Form 20-F or Form 40-F.

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1934.

Yes     No

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in connection with Rule 12g3-2(b): 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, 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: July 16, 2004

By: /s/ Folkert Zwinkels  
Folkert Zwinkels  
Managing Director

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