

Form 604

Corporations Act 2001
Section 671B

Notice of change of interests of substantial holder

To **James Hardie Industries NV**
ACN/ARSN **097 829 895**

1. Details of substantial holder

Name **Barclays Global Investors Australia Limited** on behalf of the Barclays Group ("BGI")
ABN **33 001 804 566** (Barclays Global Investors Australia Limited)

There was a change in the interests
of the substantial holder on 18 July 2005

The previous notice was given to the
company on 30 June 2005

The previous notice was dated 30 June 2005

2. Previous and present voting power

The total number of votes attached to all the voting shares in the company or voting interests in the scheme that the substantial holder or an associate had a relevant interest in when last required, and when now required, to give a substantial holding notice to the company or scheme, are as follows:

Class of securities	Previous notice		Present notice	
	Person's votes	Voting power	Person's votes	Voting power
Ordinary	23,255,345	5.03%	27,824,579	6.03%

3. Changes in relevant interests

Particulars of each change in, or change on the nature of, a relevant interest of the substantial holder or an associate in voting securities of the company or scheme, since the substantial holder was last required to give a substantial holding notice to the company or scheme are as follows:

Date of change	Person whose relevant interest changed	Nature of change	Consideration given in relation to change	Class and number of securities affected	Person's votes affected
18/7/05	BGI	Increase in voting power	Average price \$7.74	27,824,579 ordinary	6.03%

4. Present relevant interests

Particulars of each relevant interest of the substantial holder in voting securities after the change are as follows:

Holder of relevant interest	Registered holder of securities	Nature of relevant interest	Class and number of securities	Person's votes

BGI	JP Morgan & other custodians – See Annexure "A"	27,824,579 ordinary	6.03%
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5. Addresses

The addresses of persons named in this form are as follows:

Name	Address
Barclays Global Investors Australia Limited	1/111 Harrington Street, Sydney NSW 2000

Signature

 Andrew Kuo
 Company Secretary
 Barclays Global Investors Australia

 Date

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Relevant interest in James Hardie Industries NV ("JHX") held by members of the Barclays Group.

The list of Barclays entities and their respective holdings are as follows:

ASX CODE	STOCK NAME	HOLDING	%	COMPANY
JHX	James Hardie Industries NV	16,708	0	Woolwich Unit Trust Managers Ltd
JHX	James Hardie Industries NV	2,884,407	0.63	Barclays Global Investors Ltd
JHX	James Hardie Industries NV	200,912	0.04	Barclays Life Assurance Co Ltd
JHX	James Hardie Industries NV	15,522,656	3.37	Barclays Global Investors Australia Ltd
JHX	James Hardie Industries NV	515,078	0.11	Barclays Global Investors Japan Trust & Banking
JHX	James Hardie Industries NV	779,978	0.17	Barclays Capital Securities Ltd
JHX	James Hardie Industries NV	2,453,767	0.53	Barclays Global Fund Advisors
JHX	James Hardie Industries NV	365,975	0.08	Barclays Global Investors Japan Ltd
JHX	James Hardie Industries NV	5,085,098	1.1	Barclays Global Investors, N.A.
		27,824,579	6.03	

The JP Morgan Chase Bank Inc. and various other custodians (Custodians) hold shares in JHX as custodian and for which the members of the Barclays Group are either:

- the responsible entity or trustee of pooled investment products such as registered managed investment schemes (Funds); or
- the investment manager of Portfolios held for a number of institutional investors. The institutional investors are generally superannuation funds regulated under the *Superannuation Industry Supervision Act 1993*.

The holding of shares in JHX was acquired as part of the wide portfolio of Australian shares and units acquired for the Funds and the Portfolios.

The members of the Barclays Group and the Custodians may hold relevant interests due to the capacity of these entities to dispose of the shares in JHX.

Each investor in a Fund owns an undivided interest in the Fund's assets, no client directly owns any asset of the Fund. The unitholding of each Fund varies from time to time as clients enter and withdraw from the Funds. The various institutional investors with portfolios delegate the management of the portfolios to members of the Barclays Group.

Andrew Kuo
Company Secretary
Barclays Global Investors Australia

Date