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Dear Sir/Madam

James Hardie will conduct a management briefing on its 1st Quarter FY06 Results on Friday, 19 August 2005.

A briefing for media will be held at the Exchange Square Auditorium, Australian Stock Exchange, 20 Bridge Street, Sydney commencing at 10.00am. A teleconference will also be available on +61 2 9423 1645.

A briefing for analysts and investors will be held at the Exchange Square Auditorium, Australian Stock Exchange, 20 Bridge Street, Sydney commencing at 11.00am. A teleconference and audio webcast will also be available on the following:

Domestic: 03 9221 4420

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URL: <http://events.webeventservices.com/jameshardie/2005/08/19/>

No briefing for analysts and investors will be held in Melbourne this quarter.

Yours faithfully



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