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## Appointment to Managing Board and New Company Secretary

James Hardie announced today that Mr Benjamin Butterfield has been appointed to its Managing Board and to the position of Company Secretary effective 1 July 2005.

Mr Butterfield joined James Hardie in January 2005 as General Counsel, and he retains this position.

Prior to this, he was most recently, General Counsel of Lennar Corporation. He is a former General Counsel of Hughes Supply, Inc and partner of the US law firm Maguire, Voorhis, & Wells, PA (now part of Holland & Knight LLP).

Ben has a Bachelor of Arts from Covenant College in Lookout Mountain, Tennessee, and a Juris Doctorate from Stetson University College of Law in St. Petersburg, Florida.

Mr Butterfield's appointment follows the resignation of Mr Pim Vlot from the Managing Board and as Company Secretary effective close of business 30 June 2005.

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