

ANSELL LTD
Form 6-K
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FORM 6-K

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

Report of Foreign Issuer

**Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

For the month of August 2003 (August 20, 2003)

Commission File Number: 0-15850

ANSELL LIMITED

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

Level 3, 678 Victoria Street, Richmond, Victoria 3121, Australia

(Address of principal executive offices)

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Yes No

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Ansell Limited

Announcement of Results

Year Ended 30th June 2003

Harry Boon Chief Executive Officer

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Our Business In FY03

Revenue = US\$759 M

| | | | | |
|---|------------|---|----------------------------|---|
| Occupational [PHOTO] | 48% | Barrier Protection For Worker Consumer Patient | Protect Against | Injury Contamination Infection |
| Medical Professional [PHOTO] | 35% | | | |
| Consumer [PHOTO] | 17% | | | |

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FY03 Financial Results

| | 30/6/02 | 30/6/03 | |
|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | US\$M | US\$M | Change |
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| Sales Healthcare Segment | 738.5 | 758.7 | +2.7% |
| EBITA | | | |
| • Healthcare Segment | 84.7 | 93.6 | +10.5% |
| • Continuing Business | 70.2 | 80.5 | +14.7% |
| Attributable Income | (60.5) | 29.3 | |
| Earnings Per Share US¢ | (32.3) | 15.7* | |
| A¢ | (61.9) | 26.7* | |

* Excluding Ambri write-down, EPS is US17.6¢ A30.0¢ respectively

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| Highs | Issues |
|---|---|
| Double-digit Healthcare Segment US\$ EBITA growth | Operations:- |
| Operation Full Potential Wave 1 completed and Wave II begun | Massillon transfer to Shah Alam (surgeons gloves) |
| New management team | - Slow scale-up (technical) |
| Operations: | - FDA detention |
| - Improved productivity at 6 plants | - Supply shortage in H1 |
| - World class Safety record | |
| | Latex cost increases |
| Benefits of weaker US\$ | |
| | Exam glove price reductions in H1 |
| Share buy back | |
| Dividend payment | |

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Occupational Division

48% of Operation Revenue and 39% of EBITA

| <u>US\$M</u> | <u>F 02</u> | <u>F 03</u> | |
|--------------------|--------------|--------------|--|
| Sales | | | |
| HyFlex™ | 35.5 | 52.5 | Growing demand 4 new variants launched |
| Chemical Resistant | 50.5 | 55.7 | Volume growth-Asia Pacific +22%, Europe +10% |
| Knitted | 52.0 | 46.8 | Lower volumes, but richer margin mix |
| Other | 196.3 | 211.5 | Broad based gains in each region |
| Total Sales | 334.3 | 366.5 | |
| EBITA Segment | 19.3 | 36.9 | Improved mix, plant rationalization benefits |
| EBITA Margin | 5.8% | 10.1% | |

Strategy:

Continue development of hand injury solutions

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Continue emphasis on higher margin products

Further benefit from lower cost plants

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Professional Division

35% of Operation Revenue and 34% of EBITA

| <u>US\$M</u> | | <u>F 02</u> | <u>F 03</u> | |
|--------------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|---------------------------------|
| Surgeons: | Powder Free | 62.6 | 61.0 | +22% in Europe; -14% in USA |
| | Powdered | 85.0 | 76.2 | Conversion to PF |
| | Synthetic | 12.0 | 12.0 | Future Growth Opportunity |
| Exam: | Powder Free | 72.7 | 64.8 | Price & volume stabilized in H2 |
| | Powdered | 19.5 | 14.0 | Conversion to PF |
| | Synthetic Latex | 23.3 | 26.2 | Future Growth Opportunity |
| Other | | 10.5 | 11.3 | |
| Total Sales | | 285.6 | 265.5 | H2 stronger than H1 |
| EBITA Segment | | 48.4 | 31.6 | |
| EBITA Margin | | 17.0% | 11.9% | |

Strategy:

Hospital Exam Gloves

Demand/Supply equilibrium; grow PF and Synthetics

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Surgeons Gloves

US recovery now that supply is available

Grow PF

Expand synthetic range

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CONSUMER DIVISION

17% of Operation Revenue and 27% of EBITA

| <u>US\$</u> | <u>\$ F 02</u> | <u>F 03</u> | |
|-------------------------|----------------|--------------|--|
| Sales | | | |
| Condoms: Branded Retail | 62.0 | 66.0 | Growth-Europe, Asia Pacific |
| Bid/Public Sector | 26.6 | 30.1 | Global Tenders (HIV/AIDS Funding) |
| HHG & Other | 30.0 | 30.6 | Household glove shares up in Australia |
| Total Sales | 118.6 | 126.7 | |
| EBITA Segment | 17.0 | 25.1 | Lower costs Asian production |
| EBITA Margin | 14.3% | 19.8% | |

Strategy:

Growth in USA retail condoms

Expand unique Household gloves foamlined

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Bolt-on acquisitions

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A Global Leader

Estimated global market size and positions

Surgical Gloves

Market: ~US\$0.6B

| | <u>2003</u> |
|-----------|-------------|
| #1 Ansell | ~ 25% |
| #2 SSL | ~ 23% |

Occupational Gloves (Synthetics)

Market: ~US\$1.9B

| | <u>2003</u> |
|-----------|-------------|
| #1 Ansell | ~18% |
| #2 Best | ~ 6% |

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Exam Gloves (Excluding Occupational)

Market: ~US\$1.0B

| | <u>2003</u> |
|-------------|-------------|
| #1 Safeskin | ~ 19% |
| #2 Ansell | ~ 11% |

Consumer (Condoms)

Market: ~US\$0.9B

| | <u>2003</u> |
|-----------|-------------|
| #1 SSL | ~21% |
| #2 Ansell | ~11% |

Source: Neilson, IMS, and internal estimates

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Meeting Market Commitments

Healthcare Segment EBITA US\$M

| | <u>Committed</u> | <u>Actual</u> | <u>Growth</u> |
|--------|------------------|---------------|---------------|
| F 02 | >77 | 85 ü | +10% |
| F 03 | >93 | 94 ü | +11% |
| F 04 | ↓ | | |
| F 05 * | 115 | | |

* + 50% EBITA vs. 2001

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Rustom Jilla

Chief Financial Officer

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Reporting Currency

Ansell's operating currency is US\$ - all numbers today are in US\$
US\$ results translated to A\$ solely for statutory reporting
No hedge on accounting translation into A\$ as <6% of revenue is A\$
Key financial hedge Euro vs. US\$
Recent share price trend mirrors A\$/US\$ FX movement

Share Price Trend A\$ Vs US\$

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Financial Highlights FY03

| | Ansell Ltd | | Continuing Operations | |
|----------------|------------|-------|-----------------------|------|
| | F 02 | F 03 | F 02 | F 03 |
| EPS | | | | |
| US¢ | (32.3) | 15.7 | 9.5 | 19.3 |
| A¢ | (61.9) | 26.7 | 18.3 | 32.8 |
| ROA | 12.0% | 11.7% | 12.3% | 14.6 |
| INTEREST COVER | 4.5x | 6.4x | | |
| NIBD/EQUITY | 42% | 22% | | |

Sales +2.7%

Gross Margin +8.7% (@ 36.1% - LY 34.3%)

Net Debt Reduced US\$83 M

Asset Turns improved to 1.14 (LY 1.05)

1.46 M shares re-purchased @ av. A\$5.80

Australia Corporate Office costs reduced by US\$5.9M

Excluding Ambri write-down, EPS is US17.6¢ (A30.0¢)

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| | Including discontinued businesses | | Continuing Operations | | Change |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------|-----------------------|-------|--------|
| | F 02 | F 03 | F 02 | F 03 | |
| US\$ M | | | | | % |
| Sales Revenue | 1,160.7 | 758.7 | 738.5 | 758.7 | +2.7 |
| EBITA | 102.1 | 80.5 | 70.2 | 80.5 | +14.7 |
| Less Goodwill | 15.2 | 14.8 | 14.6 | 14.8 | |
| EBIT | 86.9 | 65.7 | 55.6 | 65.7 | |
| Less Interest & Borrowing Costs | 28.6 | 15.5 | 16.7 | 12.4 | |
| PBT | 58.3 | 50.2 | 38.9 | 53.3 | |
| Less Tax | 20.9 | 15.8 | 19.5 | 15.8 | |
| Less Minorities | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.5 | |
| PAT | 35.9 | 32.9 | 17.9 | 36.0 | +101.0 |
| Less Non recurring Before Tax | 88.2 | 3.6 | 39.0 | | |
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| Profit/(Loss) Attributable | (60.5) | 29.3 | (21.1) | 35.9 | |

Cash Flow

| | F 02 | F 03 |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| US\$ M | | |
| Operating EBITDA | 92.1 | 98.9 |
| Plus: Working Capital Reduction | 14.3 | 6.2 |
| Less: Tax Paid | (13.8) | (5.0) |
| Capital Expenditure | (11.6) | (9.1) |
| Interest Paid (Net) | (16.7) | (12.4) |
| Share Buy Back | | (4.8) |
| Dividends | (23.5) | (1.0) |
| Other | (30.6) | 12.6 |
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| Continuing Operations | 10.2 | 85.4 |
| Plus Discontinued | 441.2 | (2.5) |
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| Reduction in Net Interest Bearing Debt | 451.4 | 82.9 |
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |

Net Debt and Gearing

| | 30/6/02 | 30/6/03 |
|-----------------------|---------------|---------------|
| | <u>US\$ M</u> | <u>US\$ M</u> |
| Gross Debt | 353.3 | 314.4 |
| Cash | (146.3) | (190.2) |
| Net Debt | 207.0 | 124.2 |
| Equity | 495.9 | 563.1 |
| Gearing (Net Debt: | | |
| Net Debt plus Equity) | 29.4% | 18.1% |
| Interest Cover | 4.5X | 6.4X |

Including discontinued business

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Outlook: Growth From A Strong Base

Ansell has emerged from FY03 with:

Low-cost manufacturing base

Stronger Balance Sheet

Improved Cash Flow

Balanced Capital Management Strategy

Ø **share buy-back**

Ø **reintroduced cash dividends**

Revenue and EBITA growth will come from:

Sweet spot growth opportunities

Ø **Occupational ergonomic HyFlex range extensions & OVP**

Ø **Professional PF Conversions & Synthetics**

Ø **Consumer condom growth, HIV/AIDS & branded retail**

Bolt on acquisitions

Operational Excellence cost and quality

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* + 50% EBITA vs. 2001

SIGNATURE

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.

ANSELL LIMITED

(Registrant)

By: /s/ DAVID M. GRAHAM

Name: DAVID M. GRAHAM

Title: GROUP TREASURER

Date: August 20, 2003