

BUHRMANN NV  
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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**

February 24, 2005

**Buhrmann NV**

(Translation of Registrant's Name Into English)

**Hoogoorddreef 62**

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**The Netherlands**

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F.)

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**BUHRMANN SUCCESSFULLY PLACES USD 150 MILLION SENIOR  
SUBORDINATED BOND OFFERING**

**Buhrmann has placed 10-year 7 7/8% Senior Subordinated Notes due in 2015 of USD 150 million principal amount. The proceeds hereof are intended to be used for the planned repurchase of its Preference Shares C.**

Buhrmann announced on 23 February 2005 the planned repurchase of its Preference Shares C. The new notes are part of the funding for this repurchase, together with a discounted rights issue of approximately EUR 250 million and cash on hand. The proceeds of the new notes will be placed in escrow awaiting the completion of the repurchase transaction, which is expected to occur in early April.

Floris Waller, Chief Financial Officer and member of the Executive Board of Buhrmann, commented: We are pleased with the successful placement of new senior subordinated notes for funding the planned repurchase of the Preference C shares. In addition to funding the repurchase we achieve with this issuance an extension of the maturity of our debt profile and reduced net financing charges going forward.

## OFFERING OF THE NEW NOTES

Through its subsidiary Buhrmann US Inc., Buhrmann has placed the new notes with a semi annual coupon of 7 7/8%. The aggregate principal amount of the new notes, which are due in 2015, totals USD 150 million. The new notes have been issued at a price of 99.151% of the par value to institutional investors in the United States and in Europe through a private placement pursuant to Rule 144A and Regulation S of the US Securities Act. The effective yield is 8%. Closing of the transaction is scheduled for 2 March 2005.

## NEXT STEPS

As announced on 23 February 2005, the next step in the planned repurchase of the Preference Shares C is an Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders to be held on 11 March 2005 to allow the shareholders to vote on certain aspects of the transaction. If approval is obtained, the fully underwritten discounted rights issue will be launched.

## *Safe Harbour Statement*

*Statements included in this press release, which are not historical facts are forward-looking statements made pursuant to the safe harbour provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Such forward-looking statements are made based upon management's expectations and beliefs concerning future events impacting Buhrmann and therefore involve a number of uncertainties and risks, including, but not limited to industry conditions, changes in product supply, pricing and customer demand, competition, risks in integrating new businesses, currency fluctuations, the transition from Dutch GAAP to IFRS reporting and the other risks described from time to time in the Company's filings with the US Securities and Exchange Commission, including the Company's Annual Report on Form 20-F filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 21, 2004. As a result, the actual results of operations or financial*

*conditions of the Company could differ materially from those expressed or implied in such forward-looking statements.*

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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 hereunto duly authorized.

BUHRMANN NV

By: /s/ F.H.J. Koffrie  
Member Executive Board

By: /s/ H. van der Kooij  
Company Secretary

Date: February 24, 2005