

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

US\$M		F 02	F 03	
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		
Less Non recurring Tax	8.2				
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
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Continuing Operations	10.2	85.4
Plus Discontinued	441.2	(2.5)
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Reduction in Net Interest Bearing Debt	451.4	82.9
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Net Debt and Gearing

	30/6/02	30/6/03
	US\$ M	US\$ M
	<u> </u>	<u> </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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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