

HANSON PLC
Form 6-K
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

Pursuant to Rule 13a - 16 or 15d - 16 of
The Securities and Exchange Act of 1934

For the Month of April, 2006

HANSON PLC

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

1 Grosvenor Place, London, SW1X 7JH, England

(Address of principal executive office)

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

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[Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information contained in this Form is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.]

Yes No

Hanson PLC Annual General Meeting

Speaking today at the AGM of Hanson PLC, Alan Murray, Chief Executive, made the following comment

"Our view on the outlook for 2006 remains substantially the same as reported two months ago. We expect to remain strong and we have seen a good first quarter. As anticipated, the start to the year in 2006 is similar to the period last year. Australia has had a good start although for the full year demand may be below expectations. The increase in energy costs incurred in 2005 will impact our annual cost base in 2006, despite our efforts to remain focussed on increasing our prices to recover these costs.

Corporate Development progress has been very pleasing and we have completed or agreed eleven acquisitions under consideration of approximately GBP515m. 90% of this investment is represented by three acquisitions: the acquisition of PaverModule, one of the top two suppliers of concrete pavers in Florida. In March 2006, we completed the acquisition of Civil and Marine, a leading producer of ground granulated blast furnace slag in Florida and the Czech Republic. Thirdly, we have agreed to acquire Material Services, a leading producer of aggregates in the US, for approximately GBP170m. This transaction is expected to be completed in the second half of 2006.

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eight smaller transactions include operations in the UK, US, Australia and Spain.

Overall, we continue to expect to make further progress in 2006 based on our strong asset financial discipline and continued investment in acquisitions."

Slides, speeches and proxy votes will be available on Hanson's website www.hanson.biz from 3.00pm

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Notes about Hanson:

1. Hanson is one of the world's leading heavy building materials companies. It is the largest rock, sand and gravel - and one of the largest producers of concrete products, clay bricks a world. Its other principal products include asphalt and concrete roof tiles and its operations in Australia, Asia Pacific and Continental Europe.
2. Hanson operates through six divisions: Hanson Aggregates North America, Hanson Building Products UK, Hanson Building Products UK, Hanson Australia & Asia Pacific and Hanson Continental Europe.
3. Register for Hanson's e-mail distribution service for press releases and notification of the www.hanson.biz.
4. High-resolution Hanson images for editorial use are available from www.hanson.biz and from www.hanson.biz

Forward-looking statements made in this press release involve risks and uncertainties that could materially from those contemplated by such statements. Factors that could cause such differences include: changes in economic conditions; changes in regulatory requirements; changes in governmental policy or legislation relating to public works expenditure and housing; potential liabilities of our businesses and activities; our inability to achieve success in our acquisition strategy; the competition; the supply of raw materials, energy and fuel to our businesses; exchange rate fluctuations; and ineffective implementation of computer software systems. Hanson may revise publicly such forward looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future e

SIGNATURES

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 authorised.

HANSON PLC

By: /s/ Graham Dransfield

Graham Dransfield
Legal Director

Date: April 26, 2006