

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 May 2004 (May 13, 2004)

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 X
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Lodgement of Open Briefing

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Date of lodgement: 13-May-2004

Title: Open Briefing. Ansell. Chairman, New CEO on Appointment

Record of interview:

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Ansell Limited recently announced the appointment of Douglas Tough as Chief Executive Officer to succeed Harry Boon, who will retire at the end of June. Ed, what do you and the Board see as Doug's priorities going forward?

Chairman Ed Tweddell

The Board sees a company with a strong operational and financial base, ready to move into the next stage of its evolution. We see Doug's priorities as establishing himself within the Company, determining its strengths and weaknesses, and working to develop a growth strategy going forward.

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Do you anticipate any change in strategy under Doug's leadership?

Chairman Ed Tweddell

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Clearly, a new CEO brings new ideas and approaches. This may include certain strategic changes. However, we see Ansell remaining in the protective healthcare sector, where we and Doug perceive there to be enormous potential to generate value for our shareholders.

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Doug, could you outline what you believe you bring to the role of CEO at Ansell?

CEO-Designate Doug Tough

My past experience extends almost 30 years in both international and US domestic corporate leadership roles with two excellent companies, Cadbury Schweppes plc and Procter & Gamble. Those roles have included significant responsibilities in sales and marketing across many countries and cultures.

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What were the qualities of Ansell that drew you to the role?

CEO-Designate Doug Tough

Ansell suits me to a tee. It is one of the market leaders in each of its key businesses and a world player with strong representation in all major regions. What excites me most is the potential going forward. Harry Boon and the Ansell team have created, as Ed has said, a strong launching platform for the future, and I see my role as taking the Company to the next level. A truly exciting opportunity.

I've had wonderful experiences running global businesses, and view the international upside for Ansell as highly compelling. Healthcare is a global growth industry.

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What are your immediate priorities at Ansell?

CEO-Designate Doug Tough

Initially, I'll be looking to work with the Executive Team in developing my knowledge of the Company, its strengths and weaknesses, and the plans for the 2005 financial year. I'll also be learning as much as possible from Harry Boon over the next six weeks. This will give me the base to look at strategic issues and work with the Board to propose a challenging future for Ansell.

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How would you describe your management style?

CEO-Designate Doug Tough

Passionate. About delivering results, about teamwork, and about communication. I prefer to build consensus in order that all members of the team have input and commit themselves to the decision. However, I'll make decisions swiftly when required. I've always believed that a good and speedy decision trumps a better but delayed one.

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Ansell has its Operational Headquarters in the US, but is an Australian listed company. Do see any difficulties or conflicts in this arrangement?

CEO-Designate Doug Tough

My discussions with the Board lead me to believe there is no conflict in the way the Company currently operates. Australia is a magnificent country and has the financial markets to support a company of Ansell's size. In today's world of electronic communications, I see no difficulty in maintaining close contact with

the entire Ansell team worldwide. This is something that s been part of my entire career and is far from alien to me. I see no reason to change the status quo.

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Thank you Ed and Doug.

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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: May 13, 2004