

BUHRMANN NV  
Form 6-K  
March 24, 2005

## **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**

March 24, 2005

## **Buhrmann NV**

(Translation of Registrant's Name Into English)

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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 ANNOUNCES SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME OF TAKE-UP OF ITS RIGHTS ISSUE**

Buhrmann announces today that a total 95% of the rights were exercised in its EUR 250 million capital increase. Approximately 6.3 million rights remained unexercised at the end of the subscription period.

The distribution of rights to existing Buhrmann shareholders of record on 14 March 2005 was made on the basis of one right per share. New shares could be subscribed at a price of EUR 6.37 per new Buhrmann share, based on a subscription ratio of 2 new shares for 7 rights.

The 1,806,316 new shares (the rump) underlying the 6,322,106 rights remaining unexercised after the end of the subscription period on 23 March 2005 will be placed today through an international private placement or through sales in the market.

Holders of unexercised rights will receive a cash payment per unexercised right, subject to certain conditions, based on the difference, if positive, between the placement price of the rump (minus any related fees and/or taxes) and the subscription price of EUR 6.37, multiplied by the subscription ratio (2 for 7). Any payment relating to unexercised rights will be made shortly after the expected closing date of 31 March 2005.

As previously announced, Buhrmann will use the proceeds of the capital raising to partly finance the repurchase of its Preference Shares C.

The settlement and delivery of the new Buhrmann shares is expected to take place on or about 31 March 2005.

**Note to editors:**

**Financial calendar:**

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Annual General Meeting of Shareholders - 14 April 2005  
Publication of first quarter results 2005 - 3 May 2005

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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: March 24, 2005