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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, DC 20549

FORM 6-K

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the month of March, 2004.

CNH GLOBAL N.V.

(Translation of Registrant s Name Into English)

World Trade Center Tower B, 10th Floor Amsterdam Airport The Netherlands

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

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News Release

CNH America LLC and United Auto Workers Begin Negotiations on New Contract

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Lake Forest, Illinois (March 16, 2004) CNH AMERICA LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of CNH Global N.V. (NYSE:CNH), and the United Auto Workers (UAW) met today in Racine, Wisconsin to begin negotiations for a new contract covering about 650 CNH employees. The current contract expires on May 2, 2004.

We are optimistic that an agreement can be reached that is fair and equitable for all parties, and will enable us to be competitive in the global marketplace we serve, said Giovanni Ravina, CNH Senior Vice President, Human Resources.

UAW Vice President Cal Rapson, Director of the UAW Agricultural Implement Department, expressed optimism for an agreement which meets the needs of the active and retired workforce as well as the company and the community.

The negotiations will cover approximately 650 active employees at four locations, including two of the company s 45 manufacturing facilities, one parts distribution center and one engineering center. About 1,700 retirees are also covered.

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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 authorized.

CNH Global N.V.

By: /s/ Richard R. Dykhouse Richard R. Dykhouse Assistant Secretary

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