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FORM 6-K

Report of Foreign Issuer

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

For the month of July 2006 (July 5, 2006)

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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ANSELL MAKES A BID FOR UNIMIL OF POLAND

Ansell Limited (ASX: ANN) today announced that it had made a tender offer of up to PLN109 million (approximately US\$34 million) for all of the shares of the Polish listed Company Unimil S.A, subject to receiving 80% acceptance. Unimil is a condom manufacturer and marketer with the leading retail condom market share in Poland and a presence in Germany through its Condomi subsidiary.

Ansell sees Unimil as an opportunity to expand its geographic market reach, production and packaging capacity in countries where the Company does not currently have a significant presence. Ansell is already one of the three largest condom players worldwide and this acquisition will strengthen its global position.

Ansell's CEO, Doug Tough, commented "this acquisition is in accordance with Ansell's previously announced strategy of making bolt-on acquisitions that broaden our geographic reach. Unimil offers leading brands, strong leadership, and good people and gives us additional operational flexibility in Eastern Europe. It also follows our acquisition earlier this year of 75% of Jissbon - a leading Chinese branded condom company.

Ansell anticipates that the Unimil acquisition can be completed in August 2006. It will be paid for from available cash and importantly, is expected to be EPS accretive in FY 07.

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Ansell Ltd is a global leader in healthcare barrier protective products and in 2005 celebrated 100 years in its field. With operations in the Americas, Europe and Asia, Ansell employs more than 11,000 people worldwide and holds leading positions in the natural latex and synthetic polymer glove and condom markets. Ansell operates in three main business segments: Occupational Healthcare, supplying hand protection to the industrial market; Professional Healthcare, supplying surgical and examination gloves to healthcare professionals; and Consumer Healthcare, supplying sexual health products and consumer hand protection. Information on Ansell and its products can be found at <http://www.ansell.com>.

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

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Date: July 5, 2006