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Form 8-K

November 29, 2005

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

Form 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) November 23, 2005

ANHEUSER-BUSCH COMPANIES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

1-7823

43-1162835

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

(Commission
File Number)

(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

One Busch Place, St. Louis, Missouri

63118

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 314-577-2000

NONE

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

Effective November 23, 2005, the Compensation Committee (the "Committee") of the Board of Directors of Anheuser-Busch Companies, Inc. (the "Company") granted awards of stock options to the executive officers of the Company. These awards were made pursuant to the Anheuser-Busch Companies, Inc. 1998 Incentive Stock Plan (the "1998 Plan") previously filed as Exhibit C to the Company's proxy statement related to the Annual Meeting of Stockholders held on April 27, 2005. The forms of the stock option cover sheet and agreements for the executive officers of the Company are filed as Exhibits 10.22 and 10.23 to this Form 8-K and, are incorporated herein by reference. The Committee granted the following total stock option awards to the Company's named executive officers:

| Name and Principal Position ----- | 2005 Total Stock Option Awards ----- |
|--|---|
| Patrick T. Stokes President and Chief Executive Officer | 693,187 |
| August A. Busch III Chairman of the Board | 345,062 |
| August A. Busch IV Vice President and Group Executive | 366,628 |
| W. Randolph Baker Vice President and Chief Financial Officer | 153,575 |
| Douglas J. Muhleman Group Vice President - Brewing Operations and Technology | 143,524 |

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.
(a)-(b) not applicable

(c)

10.22 Form of Incentive Stock Option Cover Sheet and Standard Incentive Stock Option Agreement under the Anheuser-Busch Companies, Inc. 1998 Incentive Stock Plan for executive officers of Anheuser-Busch Companies, Inc.

10.23 Form of Non-Qualified Stock Option Cover Sheet and Standard Non-Qualified Stock Option Agreement under the Anheuser-Busch Companies, Inc. 1998 Incentive Stock Plan for executive officers of Anheuser-Busch Companies, Inc.

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 hereunto duly authorized.

ANHEUSER-BUSCH COMPANIES, INC.
(Registrant)

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BY: /s/ JoBeth G. Brown

JoBeth G. Brown
Vice President and Secretary

DATE: November 29, 2005