

CONSTELLATION BRANDS, INC.

Form 4

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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
SANDS ROBERT

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
CONSTELLATION BRANDS, INC.  
[STZ/STZ.B]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
President & CEO

C/O CONSTELLATION BRANDS, INC., 370 WOODCLIFF DRIVE, SUITE 300

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

FAIRPORT, NY 14450

(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired or Disposed of (A) or (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (D) Price			
Class A Common Stock	12/21/2007		G	V 7,809 D \$ 0	2,279,154 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Class A Common Stock	04/01/2008		A	56,600 A \$ 0	2,335,754	D	
Class A Common Stock					28,792 <sup>(2)</sup>	I	by Spouse

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Class A Common Stock	80,928 <sup>(2)</sup>	I	by LES Holdings LLC <sup>(4)</sup>
Class A Common Stock	73,800 <sup>(2)</sup>	I	by MES Holdings LLC <sup>(5)</sup>
Class A Common Stock	1,447,812 <sup>(3)</sup>	I	by Partnership <sup>(6)</sup>
Class A Common Stock	471,608 <sup>(3)</sup>	I	by Partnership <sup>(7)</sup>
Class A Common Stock	768 <sup>(3)</sup>	I	by Partnership <sup>(8)</sup>

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Underlying S (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 19.12	04/01/2008		A	424,300	04/01/2009 <sup>(9)</sup> 04/01/2018	Class 1 Common Stock
Class B (convertible) Common Stock	<u>(10)</u>					<u>(10)</u> <u>(10)</u>	Class A Common Stock
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(convertible) Common Stock					Common Stock
Class B (convertible) Common Stock	(10)		(10)	(10)	Class A Common Stock
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Class B (convertible) Common Stock	(10)		(10)	(10)	Class A Common Stock
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## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SANDS ROBERT C/O CONSTELLATION BRANDS, INC. 370 WOODCLIFF DRIVE, SUITE 300 FAIRPORT, NY 14450	X	X	President & CEO	

## Signatures

H. Elaine Ziakas For: Robert  
Sands 04/03/2008

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) 1,418,860 of these shares were previously reported as indirectly owned as a remainder interest after a life estate of Marilyn Sands. On November 18, 2007, the life estate of Marilyn Sands lapsed and ownership of such shares fully vested in the reporting person.
- (2) The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership with respect to securities held in this manner, and this report shall not be deemed an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of such securities for the purposes of Section 16 or any other purpose.
- (3) Except to the extent that the reporting person has a direct or indirect pecuniary interest in securities owned by the applicable trust, partnership or limited liability company, the reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership with respect to securities held in this manner. This report shall not be deemed an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of such securities for the purposes of Section 16 or any other purpose.
- (4) LES Holdings LLC is a limited liability company of which the reporting person is the general manager.

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- (5) MES Holdings LLC is a limited liability company of which the reporting person is the general manager.  
Held by CWC Partnership II, a general partnership of which the reporting person is a trustee of the managing partner and in which he has a pecuniary interest. These shares were previously reported as indirectly owned by CWC Partnership II as a remainder interest after a life estate of Marilyn Sands. On November 18, 2007, the life estate of Marilyn Sands lapsed and the ownership of such shares fully vested in the CWC Partnership II.
- (6) Held by CWC Partnership I, a general partnership of which the reporting person is a managing partner and in which he has a pecuniary interest.  
Held by M, L, R & R ("MLR&R"), a general partnership of which the reporting person is a general partner and in which he has a pecuniary interest. The reporting person is a beneficiary and trustee of The Marvin Sands Master Trust, which is also a partner in MLR&R.
- (7) This option becomes exercisable at the rate of 25% per year beginning on the date specified.
- (8) Shares of Class B Common Stock are convertible into shares of Class A Common Stock of the Issuer on a one-to-one basis at any time at the option of the holder. The ticker symbol for Class B Common Stock is STZ.B.  
Reflects a change in the form of beneficial ownership of 556,166 shares from indirect to direct. These 556,166 shares, which were previously reported as indirectly owned by the reporting person through a qualified grantor retained annuity trust for which he serves as trustee ("GRAT-I"), were transferred by GRAT-I to him in January 2008 in satisfaction of the final annuity payment obligation under the terms of GRAT-I.
- (9) In May 2007, the reporting person's form of beneficial ownership of 2,000,000 shares changed from direct to indirect as a result of his transfer of these 2,000,000 directly owned shares to a qualified grantor retained annuity trust for which he serves as trustee ("GRAT-II").
- (10) Held by the reporting person as trustee of The Marvin Sands Master Trust.
- (11) Held by the Robert Sands Children's Trust, for which the reporting person serves as trustee.

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