

ANHEUSER-BUSCH COMPANIES, INC.
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On August 19, 2008, David A. Peacock, Vice President-Marketing of Anheuser-Busch, Inc., issued the e-mail set forth below to the employees of Anheuser-Busch Companies, Inc.

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To: All Anheuser-Busch Employees

Yesterday, both Anheuser-Busch and InBev received requests from the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) for additional information about the proposed merger agreement between the two companies. Called a second request, it is a normal and expected part of the regulatory process, and both companies will respond quickly.

The second request means the waiting period for review is extended as the DOJ receives and reviews the additional information. We will continue to work toward a prompt closing of the transaction, and both companies still expect the transaction to close by the end of the year. In the meantime, this DOJ request will not impact our integration efforts, since they are being done in accordance with anti-trust guidelines. The merger transaction remains subject to approval by shareholders of both companies and completion of other closing conditions.

Dave Peacock

Vice President Marketing

This communication may be deemed to be solicitation material in respect of the proposed acquisition of Anheuser-Busch by InBev. In connection with the proposed acquisition, Anheuser-Busch intends to file relevant materials with the SEC. Anheuser-Busch filed a preliminary proxy statement on Schedule 14A with the SEC on August 14, 2008.

INVESTORS OF ANHEUSER-BUSCH ARE URGED TO READ ALL RELEVANT DOCUMENTS FILED WITH THE SEC, INCLUDING ANHEUSER-BUSCH'S PROXY STATEMENT, BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROPOSED TRANSACTION.

Investors and security holders will be able to obtain the documents free of charge through the website maintained by the SEC at www.sec.gov, and Anheuser-Busch stockholders will receive information at an appropriate time on how to obtain transaction-related documents for free from Anheuser-Busch. Such documents are not currently available.

InBev and certain of its directors and executive officers and other persons, and Anheuser-Busch and its directors and certain executive officers, may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from the holders of Anheuser-Busch common stock in respect of the proposed transaction. Information about the directors and executive officers of Anheuser-Busch and their respective interests in Anheuser-Busch by security holdings or otherwise is set forth in its proxy statement relating to the 2008 annual meeting of stockholders, which was filed with the SEC on March 10, 2008. Investors may obtain additional information regarding the interest of the participants by reading the preliminary proxy statement.