

ANHEUSER-BUSCH COMPANIES, INC.
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On the afternoon of July 8, 2008, Gary Rutledge, Vice President-Legal and Government Affairs, of Anheuser-Busch Companies, Inc. issued the following statement to the media:

Anheuser-Busch filed a lawsuit yesterday against InBev in Federal court in St. Louis to help its shareholders gain more complete and accurate information about InBev's unsolicited and non-binding proposal to acquire Anheuser-Busch. The lawsuit alleges that InBev has been deceptive in its selective disclosure of information pertaining to the proposal, misleading Anheuser-Busch's shareholders.

The lawsuit also asserts that InBev's Consent Statement and actions taken prior to its filing violate U.S. securities laws. Anheuser-Busch is asking the court to prevent InBev from taking any further steps to solicit Anheuser-Busch's shareholders until it provides full and accurate information concerning its proposal.

Anheuser-Busch Companies, Inc. (the "Company") and its directors and certain executive officers may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of consent revocations from stockholders in connection with a consent solicitation by InBev S.A. to remove and replace the Board of Directors of the Company (the "Consent Solicitation"). The Company plans to file a consent revocation statement with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") in connection with the solicitation of written consents in connection with the Consent Solicitation (the "Consent Revocation Statement"). Information regarding the names of the Company's directors and executive officers and their respective interests in the Company by security holdings or otherwise is set forth in the Company's proxy statement relating to the 2008 annual meeting of stockholders, which may be obtained free of charge at the SEC's website at <http://www.sec.gov> and the Company's website at <http://www.anheuser-busch.com>. Additional information regarding the interests of such potential participants will be included in the Consent Revocation Statement and other relevant documents to be filed with the SEC in connection with the Consent Solicitation.

Promptly after filing its definitive Consent Revocation Statement with the SEC, the Company will mail the definitive Consent Revocation Statement and a form of WHITE consent revocation card to each stockholder entitled to deliver a written consent in connection with the Consent Solicitation. **WE URGE INVESTORS TO READ THE CONSENT REVOCATION STATEMENT (INCLUDING ANY SUPPLEMENTS THERETO) AND ANY OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS THAT THE COMPANY WILL FILE WITH THE SEC WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION.** Stockholders will be able to obtain, free of charge, copies of the Consent Revocation Statement and any other documents filed by the Company with the SEC in connection with the Consent Solicitation at the SEC's website at <http://www.sec.gov>, at the Company's website at <http://www.anheuser-busch.com> or by contacting Morrow & Co., LLC at (800) 662-5200.