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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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FORM 10-Q

Quarterly Report Under Section 13 or 15(d)
Of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For Quarter Ended September 30, 2004

Commission file number 1-7823

ANHEUSER-BUSCH COMPANIES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

43-1162835

(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

One Busch Place, St. Louis, Missouri
(Address of principal executive offices)

63118
(Zip Code)

314-577-2000

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

Yes ☒ No ☐

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an accelerated filer (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act)

Yes ☒ No ☐

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date.

\$1 Par Value Common Stock - 790,068,368 shares as of September 30, 2004

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Anheuser-Busch Companies, Inc. and Subsidiaries
Consolidated Balance Sheet (Unaudited)

(In millions)

September 30,
2004

December
2004

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Assets

Current Assets:

Cash	\$	196.0	\$
Accounts receivable		938.4	
Inventories:			
Raw materials and supplies		322.9	
Work in progress		82.6	
Finished goods		261.4	
Total inventories		666.9	
Other current assets		198.3	
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Total current assets		1,999.6	
Investments in affiliated companies		3,208.0	
Plant and equipment, net		8,726.2	
Intangible assets, including goodwill of \$960.3 and \$349.0, respectively		1,167.5	
Other assets		1,097.9	
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Total Assets		\$16,199.2	\$1
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Liabilities and Shareholders Equity

Current Liabilities:

Accounts payable	\$	1,170.3	\$
Accrued salaries, wages and benefits		267.1	
Accrued taxes		322.4	
Accrued interest		111.7	
Other current liabilities		218.0	
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Total current liabilities		2,089.5	
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Postretirement benefits		458.4	
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Debt		8,272.4	
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Deferred income taxes		1,695.9	
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Other long-term liabilities		918.3	
		-----	-----
Shareholders Equity:			
Common stock, \$1.00 par value, 1.6 billion shares authorized		1,462.0	
Capital in excess of par value		1,397.0	
Retained earnings		15,267.3	1
Treasury stock, at cost		(14,330.8)	(1
Accumulated non-owner changes in equity		(1,030.8)	
ESOP debt guarantee		--	
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Total Shareholders Equity		2,764.7	
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Commitments and contingencies		--	
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Total Liabilities and Shareholders Equity		\$16,199.2	\$1
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See the accompanying footnotes on pages 5 -- 14.

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Anheuser-Busch Companies, Inc., and Subsidiaries
Consolidated Income Statement (Unaudited)

(In millions, except per share)	Third Qtr. Ended Sept. 30,	
	2004	2003
Gross sales	\$ 4,679.6	\$ 4,465.8
Excise taxes	(599.5)	(585.3)
Net sales	4,080.1	3,880.5
Cost of sales	(2,361.3)	(2,204.1)
Gross profit	1,718.8	1,676.4
Marketing, distribution & administrative expenses	(672.5)	(648.5)
Operating income	1,046.3	1,027.9
Interest expense	(107.2)	(98.7)
Interest capitalized	4.7	6.9
Interest income	1.9	0.3
Other income, net	2.5	2.1
Income before income taxes	948.2	938.5
Provision for income taxes	(367.7)	(361.5)
Equity income, net of tax	103.9	87.3
Net income	\$684.4	\$664.3
Basic earnings per share	\$.86	\$.81
Diluted earnings per share	\$.85	\$.80

See the accompanying footnotes on pages 5 -- 14.

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Anheuser-Busch Companies, Inc. and Subsidiaries
Consolidated Statement Of Cash Flows (Unaudited)

(In millions)	Nine Months Ended	
	2004	
Cash flow from operating activities:		
Net Income		\$1,907.8
Adjustments to reconcile net income to cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization		692.0
Deferred income taxes		134.9
Undistributed earnings of affiliated companies		(120.1)
Other, net		(17.9)

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Operating cash flow before change in working capital	2,596.7
Increase in working capital	(205.3)

Cash provided by operating activities	2,391.4

Cash flow from investing activities:	
Capital expenditures	(726.5)
Business acquisitions	(726.0)

Cash used for investing activities	(1,452.5)

Cash flow from financing activities:	
Increase in long-term debt	1,435.1
Decrease in long-term debt	(508.4)
Dividends paid to shareholders	(549.9)
Acquisition of treasury stock	(1,410.3)
Shares issued under stock plans	99.5

Cash used for financing activities	(934.0)

Net increase/(decrease) in cash during the period	4.9
Cash, beginning of period	191.1

Cash, end of period	\$196.0
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ANHEUSER-BUSCH COMPANIES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES NOTES TO UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Unaudited Financial Statements

The unaudited financial statements have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and applicable SEC guidelines pertaining to quarterly financial information. These financial statements should be read in combination with the consolidated financial statements and footnotes included in the company's annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2003.

2. Earnings Per Share

Earnings per share are calculated by dividing net income by weighted-average common shares outstanding for the period. The difference between basic and diluted weighted-average common shares is due to the dilutive impact of unexercised in-the-money stock options. There were no adjustments to net income for any period shown for purposes of calculating earnings per share. Weighted-average common shares outstanding for the third quarter and nine months ended September 30 are shown below (millions of shares):

Third Quarter

Nine Months

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	2004	2003	2004	
	-----	-----	-----	-----
Basic weighted average shares outstanding	797.4	819.7	802.9	
	=====	=====	=====	=====
Diluted weighted average shares outstanding	806.6	830.3	812.8	
	=====	=====	=====	=====

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3. Business Segments Information

Comparative business segment information for the third quarter and nine months ended September 30 (in millions):

THIRD QUARTER	Domestic Beer	Int'l Beer	Packaging	Entertain.	Other
-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
2004					
Gross Sales	\$3,561.3	284.6	611.6	360.6	18.8
Net Sales:					
- Intersegment	--	--	\$240.1	--	0.9
- External	\$3,018.4	228.0	371.5	360.6	17.9
Income Before					
Income Taxes	\$933.3	36.5	48.9	112.9	(1.0)
Equity Income, Net of Tax	--	\$103.9	--	--	--
Net Income	\$578.7	126.5	30.3	70.0	(0.6)
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2003					
Gross Sales	\$3,483.1	216.3	541.9	356.0	20.0
Net Sales:					
- Intersegment	--	--	\$231.4	--	1.0
- External	\$2,942.0	172.1	310.5	356.0	19.0
Income Before					
Income Taxes	\$901.0	29.7	47.2	121.9	(0.1)
Equity Income, Net of Tax	--	\$87.3	--	--	--
Net Income	\$558.6	105.7	29.2	75.6	--
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NINE MONTHS	Domestic Beer	Int'l Beer	Packaging	Entertain.	Other
-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
2004					
Gross Sales	\$10,373.3	715.2	1,758.8	827.2	53.1
Net Sales:					
- Intersegment	--	--	\$688.1	--	3.0
- External	\$8,801.5	574.3	1,070.7	827.2	50.1
Income Before					
Income Taxes	\$2,747.5	90.5	138.2	183.7	(3.3)

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Equity Income, Net of Tax	--	\$299.1	--	--	--
Net Income	\$1,703.5	355.2	85.7	113.9	(2.0)

2003					
Gross Sales	\$10,019.4	583.5	1,628.8	762.1	53.3
Net Sales:					
- Intersegment	--	--	\$678.8	--	3.3
- External	8,463.5	470.7	950.0	762.1	50.0
Income Before					
Income Taxes	\$2,576.3	75.8	131.5	167.4	(0.2)
Equity Income, Net of Tax	--	\$267.7	--	--	--
Net Income	\$1,597.3	314.7	81.5	103.8	(0.1)

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4. Business Investments

Harbin Group Acquisition

During the second quarter 2004, the company initiated a tender offer for all the outstanding shares of Harbin Brewery Group, the fourth largest brewer in China, and completed the purchase by the end of July 2004. Harbin is included in Anheuser-Busch's consolidated results as of September 30, 2004. Operating results for Harbin are included in the company's consolidated third quarter 2004 results on a one-month lag basis (i.e., Harbin's June, July and August results are reported in the third quarter). Anheuser-Busch paid a total of \$693 million for 100% of Harbin, with the purchase price allocated as shown below (in millions). The valuation of acquired assets and liabilities was performed by an independent appraiser.

Description	Amount

Working Capital	\$4
Property, Plant and Equipment	174
Identifiable Intangible Assets	59
Goodwill	590
Long-Term Debt	(118)
Net Other Liabilities	(16)

	\$693
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Identifiable intangible assets consist of trademarks valued at \$44 million and a wholesaler distribution network valued at \$15 million. Trademarks are not amortized. The wholesaler distribution network is being amortized on a straight-line basis over seven years. The company recognized \$366,000 in amortization expense for the wholesaler network in the third quarter and expects on-going annual amortization expense of approximately \$2.2 million over the life of the asset. The Harbin debt assumed is a portfolio of small-scale loans with an average

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maturity of approximately two years and a weighted average interest rate of 5.57%.

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Tsingtao Investment

In March 2004, the company made its planned final investment of \$33 million in convertible bonds of Tsingtao, the largest brewer in China, bringing the total of its recent investments in Tsingtao to \$182 million. The company's equity ownership interest remains at 9.9% and continues to be accounted for using the cost method.

5. Non-Owner Changes in Equity

Net income and non-owner changes in equity, net of applicable taxes, for the third quarter and nine months ended September 30 follow (in millions):

	Third Quarter		N
	2004	2003	2004
Net income	\$684.4	\$664.3	\$1,907.8
Non-owner changes in equity:			
Foreign currency translation gains/(losses)	13.3	(165.1)	(8.6)
Deferred hedging gains/(losses)	(9.2)	16.0	(51.6)
Deferred securities valuation gains/(losses)	21.5	42.4	(80.3)
Combined net income and non-owner changes in equity	\$710.0	\$557.6	\$1,767.3

The components of accumulated non-owner changes in equity, net of applicable taxes, as of September 30, 2004 and December 31, 2003 follow (in millions):

	Sept. 30, 2004	D
Foreign currency translation loss	\$ (678.0)	
Minimum pension obligation	(453.0)	
Deferred hedging gains	8.2	
Deferred securities valuation gains	92.0	
Accumulated non-owner changes in equity	\$ (1,030.8)	

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In 2004, the company began recording deferred income taxes related to certain non-owner changes in shareholders equity. The deferred income tax liability effects for the third quarter and nine months ended

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September 30, 2004 follow (in millions):

	Increase/ (Decrease)		
	Third Quarter		
	Non-Owner Changes in Equity	Deferred Income Tax Liability	Non-Owner Changes in Equity
Deferred securities valuation gains	\$ (19.0)	\$19.0	
Deferred hedging gains	5.7	(5.7)	
Total	\$ (13.3)	\$13.3	

6. Derivatives

Anheuser-Busch accounts for its derivatives under FAS 133, "Accounting for Derivatives and Other Hedging Instruments," and therefore defers hedging gains and losses that are effective at offsetting price changes in the underlying hedged exposures. The company reclassified deferred gains of \$14.6 million and \$49.0 million, and deferred losses of \$2.1 million and \$1.1 million, from accumulated non-owner changes in equity into operating income during the third quarter and nine months of 2004, respectively, as underlying hedged transactions occurred.

The company recognized net pretax gains due to hedge ineffectiveness of \$2.4 million for the third quarter and \$26 million for the nine months of 2004, compared with net pretax losses of \$0.1 million and net gains of \$0.8 million, respectively, for the comparable 2003 periods. The gain for the nine months of 2004 includes \$19.5 million related to the sale of commodity hedges that had been in place for future years, which is reported in other income. The hedges were originally placed using estimates of costs to be contained in the renewal of supply contracts. Anheuser-Busch lowered its cost estimates during the first quarter, resulting in significant hedge ineffectiveness in compliance with FAS 133. Due to the hedge ineffectiveness, the company sold these hedges and realized the ineffective portion of the gain.

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7. Goodwill

Following is goodwill by business segment, as of September 30, 2004 and December 31, 2003 (in millions). Goodwill related to consolidated operations is included in intangible assets. Goodwill associated with the company's equity investments in Grupo Modelo and CCU is reflected in investments in affiliated companies. The company completed the purchase price allocation for the acquisition of a wholesaler during the second quarter resulting in the increase in domestic beer goodwill. The increase in international beer goodwill is due to the acquisition of the Harbin Group in China, plus the impact of foreign currency translation.

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	Sept. 30, 2004	Dec. 31, 2003
	-----	-----
Domestic Beer	\$ 21.2	\$ --
International Beer	1,271.5	679.7
Packaging	21.9	21.9
Entertainment	288.3	288.3
	-----	-----
Total goodwill	\$1,602.9	\$989.9
	=====	=====

8. Stock Based Compensation

The company accounts for employee stock options in accordance with FAS 123, "Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation." Under FAS 123, the company elects to recognize no compensation expense related to employee stock options, since options are always granted with an exercise price equal to the market price of the company's stock on the day of grant.

Because of its election to not recognize compensation expense for stock options, the company makes required pro forma disclosures of net income and diluted earnings per share as if compensation expense had been recognized, based on the fair value of stock options on the grant date. For FAS 123 disclosure purposes, the fair value of stock options granted is required to be based on a theoretical option-pricing model. Anheuser-Busch estimates the value of its options using the Black-Scholes model and then hypothetically amortizes the value to compensation expense over

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the three-year vesting period for pro forma reporting. In actuality, because the company's employee stock options are not traded on an exchange, employees can receive no value nor derive any benefit from holding stock options under these plans without an increase in the market price of Anheuser-Busch stock. Such an increase in stock price benefits all stockholders. The pro forma impact for the third quarter and nine months ended September 30 follows (in millions, except per share):

	Third Quarter		Nine Months
	-----	-----	-----
	2004	2003	2004
	-----	-----	-----
Reported Net Income	\$684.4	\$664.3	\$1,907.8
Pro Forma Impact of Expensing Stock Options	(29.1)	(27.8)	(87.3)
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Pro Forma Net Income	\$655.3	\$636.5	\$1,820.5

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Reported Basic Earnings			
Per Share	\$.86	\$.81	\$2.38
Pro Forma Impact of			
Expensing Stock Options	(.04)	(.03)	(.11)
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Pro Forma Basic Earnings			
Per Share	\$.82	\$.78	\$2.27
	=====	=====	=====
Reported Diluted Earnings			
Per Share	\$.85	\$.80	\$2.35
Pro Forma Impact of			
Expensing Stock Options	(.04)	(.03)	(.11)
	-----	-----	-----
Pro Forma Diluted Earnings			
Per Share	\$.81	\$.77	\$2.24
	=====	=====	=====

In March 2004 the FASB issued a proposed standard entitled "Share-Based Payment - An Amendment of FAS Nos. 123 and 95." The proposed rules will eliminate the disclosure-only election under FAS 123 and require the recognition of compensation expense for stock options and other forms of equity compensation based on the fair value of the instruments on the date of grant. In addition to the quarterly and year-to-date disclosures shown above, the company also disclosed in its 2003 annual report to shareholders that the dilutive impact on net income and diluted earnings per share of hypothetically expensing stock options based on Black-Scholes for the full years 2003, 2002 and 2001 was \$113 million and \$.14 per share, \$93 million and \$.11 per share, and \$69 million and \$.08 per share, respectively.

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9. Contingencies

In January 1997, Maris Distributing Company, Inc., a former Anheuser-Busch wholesaler in Florida, initiated litigation against the company alleging breach of contract and 12 other claims. Anheuser-Busch terminated its distribution agreement with Maris Distributing in March 1997. During the course of litigation, nine claims were resolved in favor of Anheuser-Busch and a defamation claim brought by Maris was mistried. In August 2001, a jury rendered a verdict against the company in the amount of \$50 million on two remaining claims. The court subsequently awarded plaintiffs an additional \$22.6 million in accumulated prejudgment interest on the jury award, which may continue to accrue at a rate that is fixed annually. Anheuser-Busch continues to believe it acted appropriately in terminating the distribution agreement of Maris Distributing. In May 2003, the Court of Appeals remanded the case to the trial court for resolution of issues relating to the defamation claim. In September 2003, the trial court determined that Maris Distributing's amended defamation claim could proceed. Anheuser-Busch is vigorously contesting that claim. The appeals of the 2001 verdict cannot be heard by the Court of Appeals until matters relating to the defamation claim are resolved. The company continues to vigorously contest the verdict. However, resolution is not expected to occur quickly and the ultimate impact of this matter on the company's financial position, results of operations or cash flows cannot presently be predicted. The company's results do not include any expense related to the Maris Distributing judgment or interest for any

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period shown.

The company and certain of its subsidiaries are involved in additional claims and legal proceedings in which monetary damages and other relief is sought. The company is vigorously contesting these claims; however resolution is not expected to occur quickly, and their ultimate outcome cannot presently be predicted. It is the opinion of management that the ultimate resolution of these claims, legal proceedings and other contingencies, either individually or in the aggregate, will not materially affect the company's financial position, results of operations or liquidity.

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10. Pension and Other Postretirement Benefits Expense

The components of total pension expense for the third quarter and nine months ended September 30 are shown below (in millions):

	Third Quarter		
	2004	2003	
Service cost (benefits earned during the period)	\$22.5	\$18.7	
Interest cost on benefit obligation	40.2	37.9	
Assumed return on plan assets	(47.2)	(47.2)	
Amortization of prior service cost and net actuarial losses	14.7	9.0	
Expense for defined benefit plans	30.2	18.4	
Cash contributed to multi-employer pension plans	4.1	4.2	
Cash contributed to defined contribution pension plans	4.7	4.6	
Total pension benefits expense	\$39.0	\$27.2	

The components of total other postretirement benefits expense for the third quarter and nine months ended September 30 are shown below (in millions):

	Third Quarter		
	2004	2003	
Service cost (benefits earned during the period)	\$5.6	\$5.0	

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Interest cost on benefit obligation	8.7	9.4
Amortization of prior service cost and net actuarial gains	(2.7)	(2.3)
Total defined benefits expense	\$11.6	\$12.1

During the second quarter of 2004, Anheuser-Busch began recognizing the estimated impact of the Medicare Prescription Drug Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003, which provides a federal subsidy to sponsors of retiree health care plans. As a result of the Act, the company's accumulated postretirement benefits obligation was reduced \$43.9 million as of June 30, 2004. Additionally, the Act has reduced defined 2004 postretirement benefits expense \$2.5 million and \$5.3 million, respectively, for the third quarter and nine months.

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11. Deferred Income Tax Liability Adjustment

During the second quarter 2004, the company identified a \$25.9 million balance sheet reclassification related to the spin-off of its Campbell-Taggart bakery subsidiary in 1996. This reclassification does not have any impact on the company's results of operations, cash flows or total assets. As of June 30, 2004, the company increased the deferred income tax liability by \$25.9 million, from \$1,541.2 million to \$1,567.1 million, and decreased retained earnings by \$25.9 million, from \$14,804.5 million to \$14,778.6 million.

12. Modelo Capital Transaction

During June and July 2004 (A-B's third quarter, based on the company's one-month lag reporting for Modelo), Grupo Modelo received a \$251 million capital infusion in certain subsidiaries in exchange for equity in those subsidiaries. A-B has reported its share of the capital infusion as an \$85.4 million increase in its equity investment in Grupo Modelo and a \$74.0 million increase in capital in excess of par value, net of deferred taxes of \$11.4 million.

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ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION

INTRODUCTION

This discussion summarizes the significant factors affecting the consolidated operating results, financial condition and liquidity/cash flows of Anheuser-Busch Companies, Inc. for the third quarter and nine months ended September 30, 2004, compared with the third quarter and nine months ended September 30, 2003, and the year ended December 31, 2003. This discussion should be read in combination with the consolidated financial statements and notes included in the company's annual report to shareholders for the year ended December 31, 2003.

This discussion contains forward-looking statements regarding the company's expectations concerning its future operations, earnings and prospects. On the date the forward-looking statements are made, the statements represent the company's expectations, but the company's expectations concerning its future operations, earnings and prospects may

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change. The company's expectations involve risks and uncertainties (both favorable and unfavorable) and are based on many assumptions that the company believes to be reasonable, but such assumptions may ultimately prove to be inaccurate or incomplete, in whole or in part. Accordingly, there can be no assurances that the company's expectations and forward-looking statements will be correct. Important factors that could cause actual results to differ (favorably or unfavorably) from the expectations stated in this discussion include, among others, changes in the pricing environment for the company's products; changes in U.S. demand for malt beverage products; changes in consumer preference for the company's malt beverage products; regulatory or legislative changes, including changes in beer excise taxes at either the federal or state level and changes in income taxes; changes in the litigation to which the company is a party; changes in raw materials prices; changes in packaging materials costs; changes in interest rates; changes in foreign currency exchange rates; unusual weather conditions that could impact beer consumption in the U.S.; changes in attendance and consumer spending patterns for the company's theme park operations; changes in demand for aluminum beverage containers; changes in the company's international beer business or in the beer business of the company's international equity partners; changes in the company's credit rating resulting from future acquisitions or

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divestitures; and the effect of stock market conditions on the company's share repurchase program. Anheuser-Busch disclaims any obligation to update any of these forward-looking statements.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Anheuser-Busch Cos., Inc. achieved improved sales and earnings for the third quarter and nine months of 2004. Consolidated net sales increased 5.1% in the third quarter, while earnings per share increased 6.3%. Net sales and earnings per share increased 5.8% and 10.8%, respectively, for the nine months. Results for the nine months of 2004 benefited from a \$19.5 million pretax gain (\$.015 per share) in the first quarter 2004 from the sale of commodity hedges. This gain is reported in other income/(expense) on the consolidated income statement and does not impact gross profit or operating income. Excluding this gain, which better reflects underlying operations, earnings per share for the nine months increased 10.1% versus 2003 (see additional discussion on page 23).

Anheuser-Busch is achieving another year of solid growth in earnings per share, despite the general slowdown in spending for consumer products this summer. The company anticipates earnings per share growth of 10% to 11% for 2004, excluding the benefit of the commodity hedge gain and including the dilution related to the Harbin acquisition, as shown below:

	Earnings Per Share	Increase
	-----	-----
Including Hedge Gain	\$2.745 to \$2.765	10.7% to 11.5%
		=====
Commodity Hedge Gain	(.015)	

Excluding Hedge Gain	\$2.73 to \$2.75	10.1% to 10.9%
	=====	=====

Additionally, the company currently expects earnings per share

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growth in the 7% to 10% range for 2005 compared with 2004 on a reported basis, including the commodity hedge gain. Anheuser-Busch remains confident in its ability to achieve its double-digit earnings per share growth objective over the longer-term.

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BEER SALES RESULTS

The company's reported beer volume for the third quarter and nine months is summarized in the following table:

Reported Beer Volume (millions of barrels)				
	Third Quarter			Nine Month
	Versus 2003			
	2004	Barrels	%	2004
Domestic	27.6	0.03	0.1%	80.0
International	4.9	2.6	112.1%	9.1
Worldwide A-B Brands	32.5	2.6	8.8%	89.1
Int'l Equity Partner Brands	5.2	0.3	6.5%	14.8
Total Brands	37.7	2.9	8.5%	103.9

Domestic beer sales-to-wholesalers were up 0.1% for the third quarter of 2004 versus the third quarter 2003, and were up 0.9% for the nine months of 2004. The company now expects full year sales-to-wholesalers to be up about 0.5%.

Wholesaler sales-to-retailers were down 1.3% in the third quarter and up 0.7% for the nine months, versus 2003 levels. Both sales-to-wholesalers and sales-to-retailers have been adversely impacted by the abnormally cool and wet weather in many key markets, especially in the Southeastern U.S., and the general slowdown in consumer spending during the third quarter.

The company's domestic market share (excluding exports) for the nine months of 2004 and 2003 was 50%. Domestic market share is based on estimated U.S. beer industry sales using information provided by the Beer Institute and the U.S. Department of Commerce.

International volume, consisting of Anheuser-Busch brands produced overseas by company-owned breweries and under license and contract-brewing agreements, plus exports from the company's U.S. breweries to markets around the world, increased 112.1% for the third quarter and 45.7% for the nine months of 2004. International beer volume for the third quarter 2004

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includes 2.6 million barrels for Harbin. The company completed its acquisition of Harbin in July and reports Harbin results on a one-month lag basis. Excluding Harbin, international volume decreased 1.8% in the third quarter.

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The decrease is due to lower volume in Europe, reflecting a difficult comparison to volume in 2003 that benefited from unusually hot summer weather. For the nine months of 2004, international volume excluding Harbin increased 3.3%, due primarily to higher sales volume in China. Worldwide Anheuser-Busch beer sales volume, which is comprised of domestic volume and international volume, rose 8.8% and 4.2%, respectively, for the third quarter and nine months of 2004 versus 2003, to 32.5 million and 89.1 million barrels, respectively.

International equity partner brands volume, representing the company's share of its foreign equity partners' volume reported on a one-month lag, increased 6.5% for the third quarter and 3.6% for the nine months of 2004 versus 2003, contributing to the company's 8.5% and 4.1% increase in total brands volume for the same periods.

THIRD QUARTER AND NINE MONTHS OF 2004 FINANCIAL RESULTS

Key operating results for the third quarter and nine months of 2004 are summarized in the following tables:

In millions, except per share	Third Quarter			Nine Month	
	Vs. 2003				
	2004	\$	%	2004	\$
Gross Sales	\$4,680	Up \$214	Up 4.8%	\$13,280	Up \$680
Net Sales	\$4,080	Up \$199	Up 5.1%	\$11,567	Up \$636
Income Before Income Taxes	\$948	Up \$9	Up 1.0%	\$2,629	Up \$159
Equity Income, Net of Tax	\$104	Up \$17	Up 18.9%	\$299	Up \$31
Net Income	\$684	Up \$20	Up 3.0%	\$1,908	Up \$126
Diluted Earnings per Share	\$.85	Up \$.05	Up 6.3%	\$2.35	Up \$.23

A discussion of financial results for the third quarter and nine months of 2004 follows.

Anheuser-Busch achieved improved gross sales of \$4.7 billion and \$13.3 billion, and improved net sales of \$4.1 billion and \$11.6 billion, respectively, in the third quarter and nine months of 2004. These amounts represent gross sales increases over 2003 of 4.8% for the third quarter and 5.4% for the nine months. Net sales increased over 2003 by 5.1% and 5.8%, respectively, for the same periods. The differences between gross and net sales reflect beer excise taxes paid by the company on its products.

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The increases in consolidated gross and net sales are primarily the result of 2.6% and 4% sales increases for the domestic beer segment in the

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third quarter and nine months of 2004, respectively, due essentially to higher revenue per barrel in the third quarter and both higher revenue per barrel and increased beer volume year-to-date. The third quarter and year-to-date results also include higher sales for all of the company's other business segments. International beer net sales were up 32% and 22%, respectively, due to the impact of the Harbin acquisition and year-to-date volume growth in China and Canada. Packaging segment net sales were up 20% for the third quarter and up 13% for the nine months from increased sales from the company's commodity-based aluminum recycling operations in the quarter, and increased recycling sales plus soft drink can volume and price increases year-to-date. Sales growth for the entertainment segment was adversely impacted by hurricanes in Florida during the third quarter. Entertainment net sales increased 1% and 9%, respectively, due to admissions pricing and in-park spending, partially offset by attendance declines due to the Florida hurricanes.

For the domestic beer segment, revenue per barrel increased 2.1% in the third quarter, and 2.5% for the nine months of 2004 vs. the same periods in 2003, reflecting the continuing favorable pricing environment. Revenue per barrel generated \$73 million and \$258 million in net sales improvement for the third quarter and nine months of 2004, respectively. Higher beer volume contributed \$3 million and \$80 million to the sales increases, respectively. Domestic revenue per barrel is calculated as net sales generated by the company's domestic beer operations on barrels of beer sold, determined on a U.S. GAAP basis, divided by the volume of beer shipped from the company's breweries to U.S. wholesalers. Consistent with the company's practice of implementing moderate annual price increases in two phases, Anheuser-Busch initiated selected pricing actions in early October 2004 on over 40% of the company's volume, somewhat greater than in 2003. As in the past, the revenue enhancement initiatives are again tailored to specific markets, brands and packages, and preliminary results are encouraging. The second phase of the pricing initiatives is planned for the first quarter of 2005 and will cover slightly less volume than the first quarter 2004 increase.

Cost of sales was \$2.4 billion and \$6.8 billion, respectively, for the third quarter and nine months of 2004, reflecting increases of \$157 million, or 7%, and \$397 million,

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or 6%, respectively, compared with 2003. The increases in cost of sales for the third quarter and nine months are due to higher costs for all of the company's major business segments. The increase in domestic beer costs are due to costs associated with increased beer volume for the nine months, increased costs for brewing and packaging materials for both the third quarter and nine months and higher utility costs year-to-date. International beer experienced higher costs associated with increased beer volume plus the impact of Harbin cost of sales. Packaging operations incurred higher aluminum costs and entertainment operations incurred higher park operating expenses, including hurricane clean up costs in the third quarter. Gross profit margin declined 110 basis points in the third quarter, to 42.1%, due primarily to higher sales from the company's commodity-based aluminum recycling operations and the impact of Florida hurricanes on the entertainment business segment. For the nine months of 2004, gross margin was down 20 basis points, to 41.5%, from the impact of higher sales from the company's commodity based aluminum recycling operation, which offset a 30 basis point increase in domestic beer gross margin.

Marketing, distribution and administrative expenses for the third quarter 2004 were \$673 million, an increase of \$24 million, or 4% compared with third quarter 2003. For the nine months of 2004, these expenses were

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\$1.9 billion, an increase of \$96 million, or 5% versus last year. For both periods, these increases are principally due to increased international beer marketing costs; higher distribution costs from owning an additional wholesale operation; and higher corporate expenses, primarily higher employee benefits expense. The nine-month increase also reflects increased marketing costs associated with the Olympics.

Operating income increased \$18 million, or 2% in the third quarter 2004 and was up \$142 million, or 5% for the nine months, versus comparable periods in 2003. Operating margins for the third quarter and nine months were 25.6% and 25.0%, respectively, decreases of 90 and 20 basis points, respectively, versus prior year. The same factors impacting gross margins also adversely impacted operating margins.

Interest expense net of interest income was \$105 million for the third quarter and \$311 million for the nine months of 2004, representing increases of approximately 7% and 4%, respectively, compared with 2003. The increases in 2004 are due to the impact of higher average outstanding debt balances, partially offset by lower average

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interest rates. Interest capitalized decreased 32% and 11% for the third quarter and nine months of 2004, respectively, to \$5 million and \$16 million. These changes primarily resulted from fluctuations in construction in progress balances during 2004 due to the timing of project in-service dates.

Other income/expense, net includes equity earnings from the company's limited partnership investments in beer wholesalers and numerous other items of a nonoperating nature. The company had other income of \$3 million and \$33 million for the third quarter and nine months of 2004, respectively, compared with other income of \$2 million and \$1 million for the comparable 2003 periods. Other income for the nine months of 2004 includes the one-time pretax gain of \$19.5 million (\$.015 per share) in the first quarter from the sale of commodity derivatives that had been in place for future years. The hedges were originally placed using estimates of costs to be contained in the renewal of supply contracts. Anheuser-Busch lowered its cost estimates during the first quarter, resulting in significant hedge ineffectiveness in compliance with FAS 133. Due to the hedge ineffectiveness, the company sold these hedges and realized the ineffective portion of the gain, which is reported as a corporate item for business segment reporting purposes. Other income for the nine months also includes a \$19.1 million pretax gain (\$.014 per share) related to the sale of two beer wholesaler partnerships in the first quarter 2004.

Income before income taxes for the third quarter was \$948 million, an increase of \$9 million, or 1% versus third quarter 2003. Income before income taxes of \$2.6 billion for the nine months represents an increase of \$159 million, or 6% compared with 2003. For the third quarter, this reflects improved results for domestic beer, international beer and packaging operations, mostly offset by a lower entertainment profit contribution and higher corporate expenses. The nine-month increase reflects improved results for all of the company's operating segments.

Domestic beer pretax income was \$933 million and \$2.7 billion for the third quarter and nine months of 2004, respectively, representing growth of \$32 million, or 3.6% for the third quarter and \$171 million, or 6.6% for the nine months, versus prior year. Both of these increases reflect higher revenue per barrel due to the favorable pricing environment, with increased beer sales volume contributing to the nine-month increase. The year-to-date increase also includes the \$19.1 million pretax gain related

to the sale of two beer wholesalerships, which is reported in other income/(expense), net for consolidated reporting.

International beer segment pretax income (excluding equity income) was \$37 million for the third quarter of 2004 and \$91 million for the nine months, representing increases of \$7 million, or 23% in the third quarter and \$15 million, or 19% for the nine months versus 2003. These increases are primarily due to the inclusion of Harbin results, profit growth in Canada in both periods and volume and profit growth for Budweiser China operations for the nine months.

Packaging segment pretax profits in the third quarter 2004 were \$49 million, an increase of \$2 million, or 4%. For the nine months, pretax profits were \$138 million, an increase of \$7 million, or 5%. The increases in packaging pretax profits are primarily due to improved profits from aluminum recycling operations during both periods, plus higher soft drink can volume and pricing for the nine months.

Entertainment segment pretax earnings for the third quarter 2004 were \$113 million, a decline of \$9 million, or 7% compared with the third quarter 2003. Pretax profits for entertainment were \$184 million for the nine months, an increase of \$16 million, or 10% versus 2003. The third quarter decline is primarily due to lower attendance resulting from the impact of hurricanes in Florida. Year-to-date, the benefit of higher admissions pricing and increased in-park spending was partially offset by the impact of the third quarter Florida hurricanes.

Equity income was \$104 million in the third quarter and \$299 million for the nine months of 2004, up \$17 million, or 19% for the quarter and up \$31 million, or 12% for the nine months, versus 2003. Both increases are due to the benefit of price increases implemented by Grupo Modelo, combined with strong volume growth. Equity income results from 2003 included a \$5.5 million after tax gain representing Anheuser-Busch's equity share of CCU earnings from the sale of a brewery in Croatia. Excluding this gain, which better reflects underlying equity investee operations, equity income for the nine months of 2004 increased 14.1% vs. 2003, as shown below:

	Equity Income		Increase
	2004	2003	
Reported	\$299.1	\$267.7	11.7%
Gain on Brewery Sale	--	(5.5)	=====
Excluding Gain	\$299.1	\$262.2	14.1%
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The company's effective tax rate was 38.8% in both the third quarter and nine months of 2004, versus rates of 38.5% and 38.7% for the comparable 2003 periods.

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Net income of \$684 million and \$1.9 billion for the third quarter and nine months of 2004, respectively, represents increases of \$20 million, or 3% during the quarter, and \$126 million, or 7% for the nine months, versus the same periods last year. Diluted earnings per share were \$.85 for the third quarter 2004, an increase of 6.3% compared with prior year, and were \$2.35 for the nine months, an increase of 10.8% compared with 2003. Earnings per share continue to benefit from the company's share repurchase program. The company repurchased 11.7 million shares during the third quarter and a total of 27.1 million shares for the nine months of 2004. Excluding the impact of the one-time gain from the sale of commodity hedges previously discussed, which better reflects underlying operations, diluted earnings per share for the nine months of 2004 would have increased 10.1%, as shown below:

	Earnings per Share		Increase
	2004	2003	
Reported	\$ 2.35	\$2.12	10.8%
Commodity Hedge Gain	(.015)	--	
Excluding Hedge Gain	\$2.335	\$2.12	10.1%

LIQUIDITY AND FINANCIAL CONDITION

Cash at September 30, 2004 was \$196 million, an increase of \$5 million from the December 31, 2003 balance. The principal source of the company's cash flow is cash generated by operations. Principal uses of cash are capital expenditures, share repurchase, dividends and business investments. Operating cash flow before the change in working capital for the nine months of 2004 was \$2.6 billion. The \$198 million increase in working capital in 2004 compared with 2003 is due to higher brewing

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materials inventories, increased accounts receivable for recycling operations due to higher volume and pricing, and lower accounts payable from the year-over-year timing of payments for commodity purchases and media spending for the Olympics. See the consolidated statement of cash flows for additional information. Cash generated by the company's business segments is projected to exceed funding requirements for each segment's currently anticipated capital spending. The net issuance of debt provides an additional source of cash as necessary for share repurchase, dividends and business investments. The use of debt financing lowers the company's overall cost of capital. The Harbin Group acquisition cost resulted in a reduction in the company's planned 2004 share repurchases.

Capital expenditures during the nine months of 2004 were \$727 million, compared with \$720 million through September 2003. Full year 2004 capital expenditures are expected to approximate \$900 million to \$975 million.

Per share dividends paid by the company were \$.245 in the third quarter and \$.685 for the nine months of 2004, compared with \$.22 and \$.610, respectively, for the comparable 2003 periods. At its October meeting, the

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Board of Directors declared a regular quarterly dividend on outstanding shares of the company's common stock of \$.245 per share, payable December 9, 2004, to shareholders of record November 9, 2004.

The company has cash commitments in the ordinary course of business for operating leases, capital commitments, debt service and the purchase of brewing and packaging materials. There have been no material changes in the magnitude or types of cash commitments made by the company during the year.

In September 2004, Anheuser-Busch elected to contribute \$154 million to its defined benefit pension plans to enhance the funded status of the plans. This funding is in addition to minimum contributions required for 2004. Pension contributions in 2004 for all plans are projected to total approximately \$250 million for the full year.

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The company's debt balance has increased \$987 million since December 31, 2003, including \$118 million of debt assumed by the company as part of the Harbin acquisition. Comparative debt activity during the nine months of 2004 and 2003 is shown below.

ISSUANCES

Description	Amount (millions)	Interest Rate (fixed unless noted)

2004		
U.S. Dollar Notes	\$800.0	\$550.0 at 5.0%; \$250.0 at 4.7%
Commercial Paper, net	628.4	1.16% weighted average, floating
Harbin Debt Assumed	118.4	5.57% weighted average
Industrial Revenue Bonds	1.0	5.875%
Other, net	8.4	Various
Issuance Discounts	(1.6)	N/A

	\$1,554.6	
	=====	
2003		
U.S. Dollar Notes	\$880.0	\$180.0 at 5.35%; \$300.0 at 4.95%; \$200.0 at 4.625%; \$200.0 at 4.5%
Commercial Paper, net	53.2	1.21% weighted average, floating
Other, net	2.1	Various
Issuance Discounts	(3.9)	N/A

	\$931.4	
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REDUCTIONS

Description	Amount (millions)	Interest Rate (fixed unless noted)

2004		
Euro Notes	\$251.0	\$200.0 at 6.5%; \$51.0 at 4.6%
U.S. Dollar Notes	251.2	\$250 at 7.1%; \$1.2 at 5.35%
ESOP Note	46.3	8.25%
Harbin Debt	4.0	5.57% weighted average
Other, net	15.1	Various

	\$567.6	

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2003		
U.S. Dollar Debentures	\$200.0	7.375%
U.S. Dollar Notes	200.0	6.75%
ESOP Note	44.0	8.25%
Other, net	15.3	Various

	\$459.3	
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The ESOP debt guarantee expired on March 31, 2004. Commercial paper borrowings are supported on a long-term basis by the company's \$2 billion revolving credit agreement. Anheuser-Busch has the ability and intent to refinance its entire debt portfolio on a long-term basis and therefore classifies all debt as long-term in the balance sheet. The company registered \$1.4 billion in long-term debt with the SEC in the third quarter and as of September 30, 2004 had a total of \$1.8 billion available for issuance through existing shelf registrations.

ITEM 3. RISK MANAGEMENT

The company's derivatives holdings fluctuate during the year based on normal and recurring changes in purchasing and production activity. The company has experienced slightly higher derivatives use over the last few years as raw material inputs have increased in conjunction with increases in domestic beer volume. Since December 31, 2003, there have been no significant changes in the company's commodity, foreign currency and interest rate exposures. There have been no changes in the types of derivative instruments used to hedge the company's exposures. Underlying commodity market conditions have been somewhat volatile, with recent trends towards higher prices.

ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

It is the responsibility of the chief executive officer and chief financial officer to ensure the company maintains disclosure controls and procedures designed to provide reasonable assurance that material information, both financial and non-financial, and other information required under the securities laws to be disclosed is identified and communicated to senior management on a timely basis. The company's disclosure controls and procedures include mandatory communication of material subsidiary events, automated accounting processing and reporting, management review of monthly and quarterly results, periodic subsidiary business reviews, an established system of internal controls and rotating internal control reviews by the company's internal auditors.

The chief executive officer and chief financial officer evaluated the company's disclosure controls and procedures as of the end of the quarter ended September 30, 2004 and have concluded that they are effective as of September 30, 2004 in providing

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reasonable assurance that such information is identified and communicated on a timely basis. Additionally, there were no changes in the company's internal control over financial reporting identified in connection with the evaluation that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the company's internal control over financial reporting.

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PART II - OTHER INFORMATION

ITEM 2. CHANGES IN SECURITIES

Common Stock Repurchases

Following are the company's monthly common stock purchases during the third quarter 2004 (in millions, except per share):

	Shares	Average Price per Share
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Shares Remaining Authorized Under Disclosed Repurchase Programs at July 1, 2004	62.0	

Less Shares Repurchased:		
July	1.3	\$5
August	4.5	\$5
September	5.9	\$5
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Total Shares Repurchased	11.7	\$5
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Shares Remaining Authorized Under Disclosed Repurchase Programs at September 30, 2004	50.3	
	=====	

As of September 30, 2004, the company had disbursed \$18.6 million for 369,400 shares for which title had not yet been received due to normal three-day securities settlement period. All shares are repurchased under Board of Directors authorization. The Board authorized the current program to repurchase 100 million shares in March 2003. There is no prescribed termination date for this program. The numbers of shares shown include shares delivered to the company to exercise stock options.

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Stockholder Rights Plan

On October 27, 2004, the board of directors determined not to renew the company's Stockholder Rights Plan, which by its terms expires October 31, 2004. The Plan permitted stockholders to purchase common stock from the company at prices substantially below market value under certain change-in-control scenarios. The board of directors adopted the following policy concerning rights plans, effective upon expiration of the Plan:

"The Company does not have a stockholder rights plan and is not considering adopting one. The board of directors hereby adopts a policy that it will not approve a stockholders rights plan without first submitting the plan to a vote of stockholders, unless, in its exercise

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of its fiduciary duties, the board of directors determines that, under the circumstances existing at that time, adoption of a stockholders rights plan without first seeking stockholder approval is in the best interests of the Company's stockholders (whether to avoid the delay resulting from seeking stockholder approval or for other reasons). If the Company adopts a rights plan without first submitting the plan to a vote of stockholders, within 12 months after the adoption the Company will submit the stockholders rights plan to a vote by the stockholders of the Company or will cause termination of the rights plan."

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ITEM 6. EXHIBITS AND REPORTS ON FORM 8-K

(a) Exhibits

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| 10.1 | 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. |
| 10.2 | 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. |
| 12 | Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges |
| 31.1 | Certification of Chief Executive Officer required by Rule 13a-14(a) or 15d-14(a) under the Exchange Act |
| 31.2 | Certification of Chief Financial Officer required by Rule 13a-14(a) or 15d-14(a) under the Exchange Act |
| 32.1 | Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. |
| 32.2 | Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. |

(b) Reports on Form 8-K

	Item Reported -----	Date of Report -----
Item 7 (c)	Exhibit - Press Release	July 28, 2004
Item 12	Results of Operations and Financial Condition	July 28, 2004

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SIGNATURES

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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.

ANHEUSER-BUSCH COMPANIES, INC.
(Registrant)

/s/ W. Randolph Baker

W. Randolph Baker
Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
(Chief Financial Officer)
October 29, 2004

/s/ John F. Kelly

John F. Kelly
Vice President and Controller
(Chief Accounting Officer)
October 29, 2004