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): January 6, 2004

CONSTELLATION BRANDS, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)
$001-08495$
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(Commission File Number)

Delaware
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(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

16-0716709
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)
300 WillowBrook Office Park, Fairport, New York 14450
(Address of principal executive offices)
(Zip Code)
(585) 218-3600
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)
ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.
(c) The following exhibit is furnished as part of this Form 8-K.

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No. Description 
99.1 Press Release of Constellation Brands, Inc. (the "Company"), dated
    January 6, 2004.
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ITEM 9. REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE.
The information included in this Form 8-K, including the press release attached as Exhibit 99.1, is incorporated by reference into this Item 9 in satisfaction of the public disclosure requirements of Regulation FD. This information is "furnished" and not "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section. It may only be incorporated by reference in another filing under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or the Securities Act of 1933 only if and to the extent such subsequent filing specifically references the information incorporated by reference herein.

ITEM 12. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION.

On January 6, 2004, the Company issued a press release (the "release") announcing its results of operations and financial condition for the third quarter ended as of November 30, 2003. A copy of the release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference. The projections constituting the guidance included in the release involve risks and uncertainties, the outcome of which cannot be foreseen at this time and, therefore, actual results may vary materially from these forecasts. In this regard, see the information included in the release under the caption "Forward-Looking Statements."

The information in the release and in this Item 12 is "furnished" and not "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section. Such information may only be incorporated by reference in another filing under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or the Securities Act of 1933 only if and to the extent such subsequent filing specifically references such information.

The release contains non-GAAP financial measures; in the release these are
referred to as "comparable" or "pro forma" measures. For purposes of Regulation G, a non-GAAP financial measure is a numerical measure of a registrant's historical or future financial performance, financial position or cash flows that excludes amounts, or is subject to adjustments that have the effect of excluding amounts, that are included in the most directly comparable measure calculated and presented in accordance with GAAP in the statement of income, balance sheet or statement of cash flows (or equivalent statements) of the issuer; or includes amounts, or is subject to adjustments that have the effect of including amounts, that are excluded from the most directly comparable measure so calculated and presented. In this regard, GAAP refers to generally accepted accounting principles in the United States. Pursuant to the requirements of Regulation $G$, the Company has provided reconciliations within the release of the non-GAAP financial measures to the most directly comparable GAAP financial measures.

Comparable measures are provided because management uses this information in evaluating the results of the continuing operations of the Company and in internal goal setting. In addition, the Company believes this information provides investors a better insight on underlying business trends and results in order to evaluate year over year financial performance. As such, an increase in cost of goods sold resulting from the flow through of inventory step-up associated with the acquisition of BRL Hardy Limited (now known as Hardy Wine Company Limited) ("Hardy"), financing costs and the imputed interest charge associated with the Hardy acquisition, restructuring charges (including exiting the United States commodity concentrate product line) and the gain on change in fair value of derivative instruments are excluded from comparable results. Similarly, the Company believes that pro forma information including Hardy sales information in the year ago periods set forth in the release provides investors with a better basis for year over year comparison.

## 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.

CONSTELLATION BRANDS, INC.

Dated: January 6, 2004
By:/s/ Thomas S. Summer
S. Summer, Executive Vice

Thomas S. Summer, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

INDEX TO EXHIBITS
(1) UNDERWRITING AGREEMENT

Not Applicable.
(2) PLAN OF ACQUISITION, REORGANIZATION, ARRANGEMENT, LIQUIDATION OR SUCCESSION

Not Applicable.
(4) INSTRUMENTS DEFINING THE RIGHTS OF SECURITY HOLDERS, INCLUDING INDENTURES

Not Applicable.
(16) LETTER RE CHANGE IN CERTIFYING ACCOUNTANT

Not Applicable.
(17) LETTER RE DIRECTOR RESIGNATION

Not Applicable.
(20) OTHER DOCUMENTS OR STATEMENTS TO SECURITY HOLDERS

Not Applicable.
(23) CONSENTS OF EXPERTS AND COUNSEL

Not Applicable.
(24) POWER OF ATTORNEY

Not Applicable.
(99) ADDITIONAL EXHIBITS
99.1 Press Release dated January 6, 2004.
[LOGO] CONSTELLATION
NEWS RELEASE

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# CONSTELLATION REPORTS 34 PERCENT INCREASE IN NET SALES FOR THIRD QUARTER 

Investments in Growth Brands Drive Strong Sales
FAIRPORT, N.Y., JAN. 6, 2004 - Constellation Brands, Inc. (NYSE: STZ, ASX: CBR), a leading international producer and marketer of beverage alcohol brands, today reported record net sales of $\$ 987$ million for its third quarter ended November 30 , 2003. Net sales increased 34 percent, led by the addition of wine sales from the Hardy acquisition, double-digit growth in beer sales and the U.K. wholesale business, and a positive two percent impact from currency.

Net income as reported under generally accepted accounting principles ("reported") for the third quarter increased $\$ 18$ million or 29 percent to reach $\$ 83$ million and includes restructuring and related charges and unusual costs of $\$ 8$ million after tax. Net income on a comparable basis, excluding the restructuring and related charges and unusual costs, increased 42 percent to reach a record $\$ 91$ million. Reported diluted earnings per share increased six percent to reach $\$ 0.73$ per share, including a $\$ 0.07$ per share impact from the restructuring and related charges and unusual costs. Excluding these charges, diluted earnings per share increased 16 percent to reach $\$ 0.80$ per share.

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Richard Sands said, "Constellation's strengths - our broad portfolio crossing three major beverage alcohol categories, our vast geographical reach across North America, Europe and Australasia, and our scale which provides strong routes-to-market - together enabled us to grow at the high end of our expectations. On a category-by-category basis, the beer pricing environment

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remains strong and our price increase on select imported brands is being rolled out market-by-market. The wine pricing environment continues to be competitive, and our strategy of investing behind our growth brands continues to serve us well. In spirits, we continue to see strong demand mainly driven by innovative flavors and the resurgence of mixed drinks. With our breadth of product offering and scale, we believe our portfolio is well positioned for growth ahead of the overall industry."

Net income on a comparable basis and diluted earnings per share on a comparable basis exclude restructuring and related charges and unusual costs. In order to give investors better insight on underlying business trends from continuing operations, the Company has included supplemental consolidated statements of income on a comparable basis. A table reconciling these measures and other related financial measures for the quarter to reported results is included in this release. For a detailed discussion of these items, please see the section "Items Affecting Comparability" following the financial statements.

The Company's measure of segment profitability excludes restructuring and related charges and unusual costs, which is consistent with the measure used by management to evaluate results.

CONSTELLATION BEERS AND SPIRITS RESULTS
Net sales for third quarter 2004 grew 11 percent to reach $\$ 307$ million. A 17 percent increase in beer sales and a four percent increase in branded spirits sales drove this growth, partially offset by a decline in bulk whisky and contract production sales. Imported beer growth was the result of continued consumer demand and strong wholesaler demand of Mexican beers prior to the Company's previously announced January 2004 price increase. The four percent increase in branded spirits sales was due to higher volume and a favorable mix toward higher priced spirits brands, including Black Velvet Canadian Whisky, Montezuma Tequila, Chi-Chi's prepared cocktails and the 99 Cordials range. The decline in bulk whisky and contract production sales was due to a large spot bulk whisky sale in the prior year period.

Operating income grew 21 percent to reach $\$ 72$ million for the third quarter due primarily to higher sales.

CONSTELLATION WINES RESULTS
Net sales for third quarter 2004 were $\$ 681$ million compared to $\$ 462$ million the prior year, an increase of $\$ 218$ million, or 47 percent. This increase was driven primarily by the addition of sales from the Hardy acquisition. Pro forma net sales for third quarter 2004 , which include $\$ 150$ million of Hardy sales in the prior year period, increased 11 percent driven by increases in branded wines and the U.K. wholesale business, and a positive six percent impact from
currency.
On a pro forma basis branded wines increased by four percent as a result of:

- 16 percent growth in wine in the United Kingdom, led by Australian brands Banrock Station, Hardy VR and Hardy Crest, and California brand Echo Falls, and
- greater than 20 percent growth in premium wines in the United States from brands such as Ravenswood, Blackstone, Simi and Franciscan from California, and Alice White and Hardys Stamp from Australia.

Operating income for third quarter 2004 was $\$ 113$ million, an increase of 49 percent. The increase was driven primarily by the additional sales from the Hardy acquisition.

## CORPORATE OPERATIONS AND OTHER RESULTS

Corporate expenses increased 53 percent to $\$ 11$ million. The increase was due primarily to an increase in general corporate expenses to support the Company's growth.

## OUTLOOK

The following statements are management's current diluted earnings per share expectations both on a reported basis and comparable basis for the fourth quarter ending February 29, 2004 and fiscal year ending February 29, 2004:

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- - Diluted earnings per share on a reported basis for fourth quarter 2004 are
    expected to be within a range of $0.48 to $0.53 versus $0.56 for fourth
    quarter 2003.
- Diluted earnings per share on a reported basis for fiscal 2004 are expected to be within a range of \(\$ 1.99\) to \(\$ 2.04\) versus \(\$ 2.19\) for fiscal
``` 2003.
- - Diluted earnings per share on a comparable basis for fourth quarter 2004 are expected to be within a range of \(\$ 0.51\) to \(\$ 0.56\) versus \(\$ 0.44\) for fourth quarter 2003.
- - Diluted earnings per share on a comparable basis for fiscal 2004 are expected to be within a range of \(\$ 2.45\) to \(\$ 2.50\) versus \(\$ 2.07\) for fiscal 2003.

A reconciliation of reported estimates to comparable estimates is included in this media release

ABOUT CONSTELLATION
Constellation Brands, Inc. is a leading international producer and marketer of beverage alcohol brands with a broad portfolio across the wine, spirits and imported beer categories. Well-known brands in Constellation's portfolio include: Corona Extra, Pacifico, St. Pauli Girl, Black Velvet, Fleischmann's, Mr. Boston, Estancia, Simi, Ravenswood, Blackstone, Banrock Station, Hardys, Nobilo, Alice White, Vendange, Almaden, Arbor Mist, Stowells and Blackthorn.

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS
The statements made under the heading Outlook (collectively, the "Outlook"), as well as all other statements set forth in this press release which are not historical facts, are forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those set forth in or implied by the forward-looking statements.

During the quarter, Constellation may reiterate the estimates set forth above under the heading Outlook. Prior to the start of the Company's quiet period, beginning February 15, 2004, the public can continue to rely on the Outlook as still being Constellation's current expectations on the matters covered, unless Constellation publishes a notice stating otherwise.

Beginning February 15, 2004, Constellation will observe a "quiet period" during which the Outlook no longer constitutes the Company's current expectations. During the quiet period, the Outlook should be considered to be historical, speaking as of prior to the quiet period only, and not subject to update by the Company.

The Company's forward-looking statements are based on management's current expectations and, unless otherwise noted, do not take into account the impact of any future acquisition, merger or any other business combination, divestiture or financing
that may be completed after the date of this release. Any projections of future results of operations, and in particular, (i) the Company's estimated diluted earnings per share on a reported basis for fourth quarter 2004 and fiscal 2004, and (ii) the Company's estimated diluted earnings per share on a comparable basis for fourth quarter 2004 and fiscal 2004, should not be construed in any manner as a guarantee that such results will in fact occur. In addition to the
risks and uncertainties of ordinary business operations, the forward-looking statements of the Company contained in this press release are also subject to the following risks and uncertainties: the on-going assimilation of the Hardy business; final management determinations and independent appraisals vary materially from current management estimates and preliminary independent appraisals of the fair value of the assets acquired and the liabilities assumed in the Hardy acquisition; the Company achieving certain sales projections and meeting certain cost targets; wholesalers and retailers may give higher priority to products of the Company's competitors; raw material supply, production or shipment difficulties could adversely affect the Company's ability to supply its customers; increased competitive activities in the form of pricing, advertising and promotions could adversely impact consumer demand for the Company's products and/or result in higher than expected selling, general and administrative expenses; a general decline in alcohol consumption; increases in excise and other taxes on beverage alcohol products; and changes in foreign exchange rates. For additional information about risks and uncertainties that could adversely affect the Company's forward-looking statements, please refer to the Company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended February 28, 2003.

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\section*{CONFERENCE CALL DETAILS}

A conference call to discuss the quarterly results will be hosted by Chairman \& CEO Richard Sands and Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Tom Summer on Tuesday, January 6, 2004 at 5:00 p.m. (Eastern). The conference call can be accessed by dialing 412-858-4600 beginning 10 minutes prior to the start of the call. A live listen-only web cast of the conference call, together with a copy of this press release (including the attachments) is available on the Internet at Constellation's website: www.cbrands.com under "Investors."

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CONSTELLATION BRANDS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (in thousands)
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\text { November } 30, \\
2003
\end{gathered}
\] & \[
\begin{gathered}
\text { February } 28, \\
2003
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\] \\
\hline \multicolumn{3}{|l|}{ASSETS} \\
\hline <S> & <C> & <C> \\
\hline \multicolumn{3}{|l|}{CURRENT ASSETS:} \\
\hline Cash and cash investments & \$ 38,375 & \$ 13,810 \\
\hline Accounts receivable, net & 768,096 & 399,095 \\
\hline Inventories, net & 1,291,979 & 819,912 \\
\hline Prepaid expenses and other & 117,946 & 97,284 \\
\hline Total current assets & 2,216,396 & 1,330,101 \\
\hline PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT, net & 1,047,982 & 602,469 \\
\hline GOODWILL & 1,546,380 & 722,223 \\
\hline INTANGIBLE ASSETS, net & 701,267 & 382,428 \\
\hline OTHER ASSETS & 112,255 & 159,109 \\
\hline Total assets & \$ 5,624,280 & \$ 3,196,330 \\
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LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY
CURRENT LIABILITIES:
Notes payable to banks
Current maturities of long-term debt
Accounts payable
Accrued excise taxes
Other accrued expenses and liabilities

Total current liabilities
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|}
\hline \$ & 168,041 & \$ & 2,623 \\
\hline & 65,833 & & 71,264 \\
\hline & 340,070 & & 171,073 \\
\hline & 63,877 & & 36,421 \\
\hline & 475,503 & & 303,827 \\
\hline & 1,113,324 & & 585,208 \\
\hline & 1,970,819 & & 1,191,631 \\
\hline & 169,462 & & 145,239 \\
\hline & 165,738 & & 99,268 \\
\hline & 2,204,937 & & 1,174,984 \\
\hline \$ & 5,624,280 & \$ & 3,196,330 \\
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\hline & \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{\begin{tabular}{l}
For the Three \\
Months Ended \\
November 30, 2003
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For the Three \\
Months Ended \\
November 30, 2002
\end{tabular}} & Percent Change \\
\hline <S> & <C & & <C & & <C> \\
\hline Sales & \$ & 1,213,541 & \$ & 969,759 & 25\% \\
\hline Excise taxes & & \((226,293)\) & & \((231,380)\) & -2\% \\
\hline Net sales & & 987,248 & & 738,379 & 34\% \\
\hline Cost of product sold & & \((704,632)\) & & \((524,885)\) & 34\% \\
\hline Gross profit & & 282,616 & & 213,494 & 32\% \\
\hline Selling, general and administrative expenses & & \((113,333)\) & & \((85,470)\) & 33\% \\
\hline Restructuring and related charges & & \((8,088)\) & & - & N/A \\
\hline Operating income & & 161,195 & & 128,024 & 26\% \\
\hline Equity in earnings of joint ventures & & 126 & & 4,182 & -97\% \\
\hline Interest expense, net & & \((31,889)\) & & \((26,202)\) & 22\% \\
\hline Income before income taxes & & 129,432 & & 106,004 & 22\% \\
\hline Provision for income taxes & & \((46,592)\) & & \((41,660)\) & 12\% \\
\hline Net income & & 82,840 & & 64,344 & 29\% \\
\hline Dividends on preferred stock & & \((2,450)\) & & - & N/A \\
\hline Income available to common stockholders & \$ & 80,390 & \$ & 64,344 & 25\% \\
\hline \multicolumn{6}{|l|}{Earnings per common share:} \\
\hline Basic & \$ & 0.76 & \$ & 0.71 & 7\% \\
\hline Diluted & \$ & 0.73 & \$ & 0.69 & 6\% \\
\hline \multicolumn{6}{|l|}{Weighted average common shares outstanding:} \\
\hline Basic & & 105,323 & & 90,323 & 17\% \\
\hline Diluted & & 114,196 & & 93,083 & 23\% \\
\hline \multicolumn{6}{|l|}{Segment Information:} \\
\hline \multicolumn{6}{|l|}{Net sales:} \\
\hline Constellation Beers and Spirits & & & & & \\
\hline Imported beers & \$ & 229,538 & \$ & 195,585 & 17\% \\
\hline Spirits & & 77,165 & & 80,495 & -4\% \\
\hline Net sales & \$ & 306,703 & \$ & 276,080 & 11\% \\
\hline \multicolumn{6}{|l|}{Constellation Wines} \\
\hline Branded wine & \$ & 460,805 & \$ & 282,320 & 63\% \\
\hline Wholesale and other & & 219,740 & & 179,979 & 22\% \\
\hline Net sales & \$ & 680,545 & \$ & 462,299 & 47\% \\
\hline Consolidated net sales & \$ & 987,248 & \$ & 738,379 & 34\% \\
\hline \multicolumn{6}{|l|}{Operating income:} \\
\hline Constellation Beers and Spirits & \$ & 72,228 & \$ & 59,572 & 21\% \\
\hline Constellation Wines & & 112,722 & & 75,433 & 49\% \\
\hline Corporate Operations and Other & & \((10,669)\) & & \((6,981)\) & 53\% \\
\hline Restructuring and related charges and unusual costs (a) & & \((13,136)\) & & - & N/A \\
\hline Consolidated operating income & \$ & 161,195 & \$ & 128,024 & 26\% \\
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(a) Restructuring and related charges and unusual costs for the three months ended November 30, 2003, include the flow through of inventory step-up associated with the Hardy acquisition of \(\$ 2,720\), financing costs of \(\$ 2,328\) and restructuring and related charges of \(\$ 8,088\).
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\hline Sales & \$ & 1,213,541 & \$ & 969,759 & 25\% \\
\hline Excise taxes & & \((226,293)\) & & \((231,380)\) & -2\% \\
\hline Net sales & & 987,248 & & 738,379 & 34\% \\
\hline Cost of product sold & & \((701,912)\) & & \((524,885)\) & 34\% \\
\hline Gross profit & & 285,336 & & 213,494 & 34\% \\
\hline Selling, general and administrative expenses & & (111,005) & & \((85,470)\) & 30\% \\
\hline Restructuring and related charges & & - & & - & N/A \\
\hline Operating income & & 174,331 & & 128,024 & 36\% \\
\hline Equity in earnings of joint ventures & & 126 & & 4,182 & -97\% \\
\hline Interest expense, net & & \((31,889)\) & & \((26,202)\) & 22\% \\
\hline Income before income taxes & & 142,568 & & 106,004 & 34\% \\
\hline Provision for income taxes & & \((51,324)\) & & \((41,660)\) & 23\% \\
\hline Net income & & 91,244 & & 64,344 & 42\% \\
\hline Dividends on preferred stock & & \((2,450)\) & & - & N/A \\
\hline Income available to common stockholders & \$ & 88,794 & \$ & 64,344 & 38\% \\
\hline \multicolumn{6}{|l|}{Earnings per common share:} \\
\hline Basic & \$ & 0.84 & \$ & 0.71 & 18\% \\
\hline Diluted & \$ & 0.80 & \$ & 0.69 & 16\% \\
\hline Weighted average common shares outstanding: & & & & & \\
\hline Basic & &  & & \[
90,323
\] & 17\% \\
\hline \multicolumn{6}{|l|}{Segment Information:} \\
\hline \multicolumn{6}{|l|}{Net sales:} \\
\hline Constellation Beers and Spirits & & & & & \\
\hline Imported beers & \$ & 229,538 & \$ & 195,585 & 17\% \\
\hline Spirits & & 77,165 & & 80,495 & -4\% \\
\hline Net sales & \$ & 306,703 & \$ & 276,080 & 11\% \\
\hline Constellation Wines & & & & & \\
\hline Branded wine & \$ & 460,805 & \$ & 282,320 & 63\% \\
\hline Wholesale and other & & 219,740 & & 179,979 & 22\% \\
\hline Net sales & \$ & 680,545 & \$ & 462,299 & 47\% \\
\hline Consolidated net sales & \$ & 987,248 & \$ & 738,379 & 34\% \\
\hline \multicolumn{6}{|l|}{Operating income:} \\
\hline Constellation Beers and Spirits & \$ & 72,228 & \$ & 59,572 & 21\% \\
\hline Constellation Wines & & 112,772 & & 75,433 & 49\% \\
\hline Corporate Operations and Other & & \((10,669)\) & & \((6,981)\) & 53\% \\
\hline Restructuring and related charges and unusual costs & & - & & - & N/A \\
\hline Consolidated operating income & \$ & 174,331 & \$ & 128,024 & 36\% \\
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\end{tabular}
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(a) Excludes the flow through of inventory step-up associated with the Hardy acquisition, restructuring and related charges and financing costs associated with the Hardy acquisition for the three months ended November 30, 2003.
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> CONSTELLATION BRANDS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
> CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME
> ON A REPORTED BASIS
> (in thousands, except per share data)
\begin{tabular}{ll} 
For the Nine & For the Nine \\
Months Ended & Months Ended \\
November 30, & November 30,
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\hline & \multicolumn{2}{|r|}{2003} & \multicolumn{2}{|r|}{2002} & Change \\
\hline <S> & <C & & & & <C> \\
\hline Sales & \$ & 3,354,298 & \$ & 2,729,219 & 23\% \\
\hline Excise taxes & & \((683,184)\) & & \((650,641)\) & \(5 \%\) \\
\hline Net sales & & 2,671,114 & & 2,078,578 & 29\% \\
\hline Cost of product sold & & \((1,938,881)\) & & \((1,495,096)\) & 30\% \\
\hline Gross profit & & 732,233 & & 583,482 & 25\% \\
\hline Selling, general and administrative expenses & & \((348,428)\) & & \((263,847)\) & 32\% \\
\hline Restructuring and related charges & & \((27,487)\) & & - & N/A \\
\hline Operating income & & 356,318 & & 319,635 & 11\% \\
\hline Gain on change in fair value of derivative instruments & & 1,181 & & - & N/A \\
\hline Equity in earnings of joint ventures & & 965 & & 10,093 & -90\% \\
\hline Interest expense, net & & \((112,230)\) & & \((80,494)\) & 39\% \\
\hline Income before income taxes & & 246,234 & & 249,234 & -1\% \\
\hline Provision for income taxes & & \((88,641)\) & & \((97,949)\) & -10\% \\
\hline Net income & & 157,593 & & 151,285 & 4\% \\
\hline Dividends on preferred stock & & \((3,294)\) & & - & N/A \\
\hline Income available to common stockholders & \$ & 154,299 & \$ & 151,285 & \(2 \%\) \\
\hline \multicolumn{6}{|l|}{Earnings per common share:} \\
\hline Basic & \$ & 1.56 & \$ & 1.69 & -8\% \\
\hline Diluted & \$ & 1.51 & \$ & 1.63 & -7\% \\
\hline \multicolumn{6}{|l|}{Weighted average common shares outstanding:} \\
\hline Basic & & 98,902 & & 89,617 & 10\% \\
\hline Diluted & & 104,559 & & 92,669 & 13\% \\
\hline \multicolumn{6}{|l|}{Segment Information:} \\
\hline \multicolumn{6}{|l|}{Net sales:} \\
\hline Constellation Beers and Spirits & & & & & \\
\hline Imported beers & \$ & 684,216 & \$ & 615,098 & 11\% \\
\hline Spirits & & 219,874 & & 219,381 & 0\% \\
\hline Net sales & \$ & 904,090 & \$ & 834,479 & 8\% \\
\hline Constellation Wines & & & & & \\
\hline Branded wine & \$ & 1,155,170 & \$ & 733,450 & 57\% \\
\hline Wholesale and other & & 611,854 & & 510,649 & 20\% \\
\hline Net sales & \$ & 1,767,024 & \$ & 1,244,099 & 42\% \\
\hline Consolidated net sales & \$ & 2,671,114 & \$ & 2,078,578 & 29\% \\
\hline \multicolumn{6}{|l|}{Operating income:} \\
\hline Constellation Beers and Spirits & \$ & 202,228 & \$ & 175,548 & 15\% \\
\hline Constellation Wines & & 258,208 & & 166,512 & 55\% \\
\hline Corporate Operations and Other & & \((30,978)\) & & \((22,425)\) & 38\% \\
\hline Restructuring and related charges and unusual costs (a) & & \((73,140)\) & & - & N/A \\
\hline Consolidated operating income & \$ & 356,318 & \$ & 319,635 & 11\% \\
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\end{tabular}
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(a) Restructuring and related charges and unusual costs for the nine months ended November 30, 2003, include the flow through of inventory step-up associated with the Hardy acquisition of \(\$ 17,254\), financing costs of \(\$ 11,572\) and restructuring and related charges of \(\$ 44,314\).
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> CONSTELLATION BRANDS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES SUPPLEMENTAL CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME ON A COMPARABLE BASIS (a)
> (in thousands, except per share data)
\begin{tabular}{lcl} 
For the Nine & For the Nine & \\
Months Ended & Months Ended \\
November 30, & November 30, & Percent \\
2003 & 2002 & Change \\
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<C> & <C> & <C> \\
\(\$ 3,354,298\) & \(\$ 2,729,219\) & \(23 \%\)
\end{tabular}
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline Excise taxes & & \((683,184)\) & & \((650,641)\) & 5\% \\
\hline Net sales & & 2,671,114 & & 2,078,578 & 29\% \\
\hline Cost of product sold & & \((1,904,800)\) & & \((1,495,096)\) & 27\% \\
\hline Gross profit & & 766,314 & & 583,482 & 31\% \\
\hline Selling, general and administrative expenses & & \((336,856)\) & & \((263,847)\) & 28\% \\
\hline Restructuring and related charges & & - & & - & N/A \\
\hline Operating income & & 429,458 & & 319,635 & 34\% \\
\hline Gain on change in fair value of derivative instruments & & - & & - & N/A \\
\hline Equity in earnings of joint ventures & & 965 & & 10,093 & -90\% \\
\hline Interest expense, net & & \((110,572)\) & & \((80,494)\) & 37\% \\
\hline Income before income taxes & & 319,851 & & 249,234 & 28\% \\
\hline Provision for income taxes & & \((115,146)\) & & \((97,949)\) & 18\% \\
\hline Net income & & 204,705 & & 151,285 & 35\% \\
\hline Dividends on preferred stock & & \((3,294)\) & & - & N/A \\
\hline Income available to common stockholders & \$ & 201,411 & \$ & 151,285 & 33\% \\
\hline \multicolumn{6}{|l|}{Earnings per common share:} \\
\hline Basic & \$ & 2.04 & \$ & 1.69 & 21\% \\
\hline Diluted & \$ & 1.96 & \$ & 1.63 & 20\% \\
\hline \multicolumn{6}{|l|}{Weighted average common shares outstanding:} \\
\hline Basic & & 98,902 & & 89,617 & 10\% \\
\hline Diluted & & 104,559 & & 92,669 & 13\% \\
\hline \multicolumn{6}{|l|}{Segment Information:} \\
\hline \multicolumn{6}{|l|}{Net sales:} \\
\hline Constellation Beers and Spirits & & & & & \\
\hline Imported beers & \$ & 684,216 & \$ & 615,098 & 11\% \\
\hline Spirits & & 219,874 & & 219,381 & 0\% \\
\hline Net sales & \$ & 904,090 & \$ & 834,479 & 8\% \\
\hline \multicolumn{6}{|l|}{Constellation Wines} \\
\hline Branded wine & \$ & 1,155,170 & \$ & 733,450 & 57\% \\
\hline Wholesale and other & & 611,854 & & 510,649 & 20\% \\
\hline Net sales & \$ & 1,767,024 & \$ & 1,244,099 & 42\% \\
\hline Consolidated net sales & \$ & 2,671,114 & \$ & 2,078,578 & 29\% \\
\hline \multicolumn{6}{|l|}{Operating income:} \\
\hline Constellation Beers and Spirits & \$ & 202,228 & \$ & 175,548 & 15\% \\
\hline Constellation Wines & & 258,208 & & 166,512 & 55\% \\
\hline Corporate Operations and Other & & \((30,978)\) & & \((22,425)\) & 38\% \\
\hline Restructuring and related charges and unusual costs & & - & & - & N/A \\
\hline Consolidated operating income & \$ & 429,458 & \$ & 319,635 & 34\% \\
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\end{tabular}
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(a) Excludes the flow through of inventory step-up associated with the Hardy acquisition, restructuring and related charges, financing costs and the imputed interest charge associated with the Hardy acquisition, and the gain on change in fair value of derivative instruments for the nine months ended November 30, 2003.
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CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:
Net income

CONSTELLATION BRANDS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (in thousands)
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|}
\hline & For the Nine Months Ended November 30, 2003 & For the Nine Months Ended November 30, 2002 \\
\hline <S> & <C> & <C> \\
\hline CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES: & & \\
\hline Net income & 157,593 & 151,285 \\
\hline
\end{tabular}

Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|}
\hline Depreciation of property, plant and equipment & 58,666 & 41,174 \\
\hline Amortization of intangible and other assets & 18,713 & 4,409 \\
\hline Deferred tax provision & 4,622 & 4,062 \\
\hline Loss on extinguishment of debt & 800 & - \\
\hline Loss on sale of assets & 2,108 & 1,956 \\
\hline Stock-based compensation expense & 208 & 75 \\
\hline Amortization of discount on long-term debt & 59 & 46 \\
\hline Gain on change in fair value of derivative instruments & \((1,181)\) & - \\
\hline Equity in earnings of joint ventures & (965) & \((10,093)\) \\
\hline Change in operating assets and liabilities, net of effects from purchases of businesses: & & \\
\hline Accounts receivable, net & \((218,730)\) & \((81,470)\) \\
\hline Inventories, net & 32,305 & \((102,901)\) \\
\hline Prepaid expenses and other current assets & 13,417 & \((14,029)\) \\
\hline Accounts payable & 23,615 & 57,198 \\
\hline Accrued excise taxes & 23,845 & \((8,972)\) \\
\hline Other accrued expenses and liabilities & 39,989 & 100,812 \\
\hline Other assets and liabilities, net & 24,458 & 3,712 \\
\hline Total adjustments & 21,929 & \((4,021)\) \\
\hline Net cash provided by operating activities & 179,522 & 147,264 \\
\hline CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES: & & \\
\hline Purchases of businesses, net of cash acquired & \((1,070,074)\) & - \\
\hline Purchases of property, plant and equipment & \((70,584)\) & \((51,833)\) \\
\hline Payment of accrued earn-out amount & \((2,035)\) & \((1,674)\) \\
\hline Proceeds from sale of assets & 11,085 & 977 \\
\hline Proceeds from sale of business & 4,431 & - \\
\hline Proceeds from sale of marketable equity securities & 790 & - \\
\hline Net cash used in investing activities & \((1,126,387)\) & \((52,530)\) \\
\hline CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES: & & \\
\hline Proceeds from issuance of long-term debt & 1,600,000 & 10,000 \\
\hline Proceeds from equity offerings, net of fees & 426,069 & - \\
\hline Net proceeds from (repayments of) notes payable & 165,209 & \((49,429)\) \\
\hline Exercise of employee stock options & 23,756 & 25,539 \\
\hline Proceeds from employee stock purchases & 1,822 & 1,319 \\
\hline Principal payments of long-term debt & \((1,240,395)\) & \((62,519)\) \\
\hline Payment of issuance costs of long-term debt & \((34,147)\) & (10) \\
\hline Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities & 942,314 & \((75,100)\) \\
\hline Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash investments & 29,116 & 1,341 \\
\hline NET INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH INVESTMENTS & 24,565 & 20,975 \\
\hline CASH AND CASH INVESTMENTS, beginning of period & 13,810 & 8,961 \\
\hline CASH AND CASH INVESTMENTS, end of period & \$ 38,375 & 29,936 \\
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RECONCILIATION OF REPORTED AND COMPARABLE HISTORICAL INFORMATION
(in thousands, except per share data)
Comparable measures are provided because management uses this information in evaluating the results of the continuing operations of the Company and internal goal setting. In addition, the Company believes this information provides investors better insight on underlying business trends and results in order to evaluate year over year financial performance. As such, an increase in cost of goods sold resulting from the flow through of inventory step-up associated with the Hardy acquisition, financing costs and the imputed interest charge associated with the Hardy acquisition, restructuring charges (including exiting the U.S. commodity concentrate product line), and the gain on change in fair value of derivative instruments are excluded from comparable results. You may also visit the Company's website at www.cbrands.com under Investors/Financial Information/Financial Reports for a historical reconciliation between reported and comparable information.

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RECONCILIATION OF REPORTED AND COMPARABLE DILUTED EARNINGS PER SHARE GUIDANCE
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline & \multicolumn{4}{|r|}{\begin{tabular}{l}
Range for the Quarter \\
Ending February 29, 2004
\end{tabular}} & \multicolumn{4}{|r|}{\begin{tabular}{l}
Range for the Year \\
Ending February 29, 2004
\end{tabular}} \\
\hline <S> & \multirow[t]{2}{*}{<C>} & \multicolumn{3}{|c|}{<C>} & \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{<C>} & \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{<C>} \\
\hline \multicolumn{8}{|l|}{Forecasted reported diluted earnings} & \\
\hline per share & \$ & 0.48 & \$ & 0.53 & \$ & 1.99 & \$ & 2.04 \\
\hline Inventory step-up & & - & & - & & 0.10 & & 0.10 \\
\hline Concentrate inventory write-down & & - & & - & & 0.10 & & 0.10 \\
\hline Financing costs & & - & & - & & 0.07 & & 0.07 \\
\hline Restructuring charges & & 0.03 & & 0.03 & & 0.19 & & 0.19 \\
\hline
\end{tabular}
Imputed interest charge
Gain on derivative instruments
Forecasted comparable diluted earnings
per share
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline \$ & 0.51 & \$ & 0.56 & \$ & 2.45 & \$ & 2.50 \\
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\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|}
\hline & \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{```
    For the
Quarter Ended
    February 28,
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\hline Reported diluted earnings per share Gain on derivative instruments & \$ & \[
\begin{gathered}
0.56 \\
(0.12)
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\] \\
\hline Comparable diluted earnings per share & \$ & 0.44 \\
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\end{tabular}
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|}
\hline \multicolumn{2}{|c|}{For the} \\
\hline \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{Year Ended} \\
\hline & \[
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\] \\
\hline \$ & 2.19 \\
\hline & (0.12) \\
\hline \$ & 2.07 \\
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ITEMS AFFECTING COMPARABILITY
INVENTORY STEP-UP - The Hardy acquisition resulted in an allocation of purchase price in excess of book value to certain inventory on hand at the date of purchase. This allocation of purchase price in excess of book value is referred to as inventory step-up. The inventory step-up represents an assumed manufacturing profit attributable to Hardy pre-acquisition. For inventory produced and sold after the acquisition date, the related manufacturer's profit will accrue to the Company. The Company expects flow through of inventory step-up to have an impact of approximately \(\$ 0.10\) per share for the current fiscal year.

FINANCING COSTS - In connection with the Hardy acquisition, the Company recorded amortization expense for deferred financing costs associated with non-continuing financing, primarily related to the bridge loan agreement. The Company expects this charge to be approximately \(\$ 0.07\) per share for the current fiscal year.

RESTRUCTURING CHARGES - Restructuring charges resulted from the realignment of business operations in the Company's wine division, as previously announced in the fourth quarter of last fiscal year. The Company expects to incur charges of approximately \(\$ 0.04\) per share for the current fiscal year.

IMPUTED INTEREST CHARGE - In connection with the Hardy acquisition and in accordance with purchase accounting, the Company was required to take a one-time imputed interest charge for the time period between when the Company obtained control of Hardy and the date it paid Hardy shareholders. The Company expects this charge to be approximately \(\$ 0.01\) per share for the current fiscal year.

GAIN ON CHANGE IN FAIR VALUE OF DERIVATIVE INSTRUMENTS - In connection with the Hardy acquisition, the Company entered into derivative instruments to cap the cost of the acquisition in U.S. dollars. The Company recorded a gain in the first quarter, which represented the net change in value of the derivative instruments from the beginning of the first quarter until the date Hardy shareholders were paid. The Company expects this gain to be approximately \(\$ 0.01\) per share for the current fiscal year.

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EXITING U.S. COMMODITY CONCENTRATE PRODUCT LINE - The Company has made a decision to exit the commodity concentrate product line - located in Madera, California. The commodity concentrate product line is facing declining sales and profits and is not part of the Company's core business, beverage alcohol. The Company will continue to produce and sell value-added, proprietary products such as MegaColors. The Company expects this charge to be approximately \(\$ 0.25\) per share for the current fiscal year, of which \(\$ 0.10\) will be charged to cost of product sold and \(\$ 0.15\) will be recorded as restructuring charges. The Company expects the restructuring project to improve overall profitability and asset utilization resulting in increased return on invested capital, and is cash flow positive. More than half the charges are non-cash charges.```

