

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) April 4, 2007

**CONSTELLATION BRANDS, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

001-08495  
(Commission  
File Number)

16-0716709  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**370 Woodcliff Drive, Suite 300, Fairport, NY 14450**

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code **(585) 218-3600**

**Not Applicable**

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
  - Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**ITEM 5.02 DEPARTURE OF DIRECTORS OR CERTAIN OFFICERS; ELECTION OF DIRECTORS; APPOINTMENT OF CERTAIN OFFICERS; COMPENSATORY ARRANGEMENTS OF CERTAIN OFFICERS.**

On April 4, 2007, the size of the Board of Directors of Constellation Brands, Inc. (“Constellation” or the “Company”), was expanded to eight (8) members, and on that date Peter H. Soderberg was elected to serve as a member of the Board of Directors, filling the additional Board seat. Also on that date he was appointed as a member of the Human Resources Committee of the Board of Directors.

Mr. Soderberg is President and Chief Executive Officer of Hillenbrand Industries, Inc., a public holding company for two major operating businesses providing products serving the health care and funeral services industries: Hill-Rom Company and Batesville Casket Company. He has served in this capacity since March 2006. Mr. Soderberg previously served from January 2000 to March 2006 as President and Chief Executive Officer of Welch Allyn, Inc., a privately held global technology and manufacturing company. Before that, he was Group Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Welch Allyn’s medical products business. Prior to joining Welch Allyn in 1993, Mr. Soderberg was employed by Johnson & Johnson at which he served in a variety of operations, marketing and management positions, primarily related to consumer products.

The Board considers Mr. Soderberg to be an independent director under applicable New York Stock Exchange requirements. As a non-management member of the Board, Mr. Soderberg will receive the same standard compensation paid to other non-management directors for service on the Board and its committees, which compensation has been disclosed previously in the Company’s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended August 31, 2006 filed by the Company with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission on October 10, 2006. However, as Mr. Soderberg is being elected outside the annual meeting timeframe, the amount of his annual retainer, annual option grant and restricted stock award has been prorated from the date of his election to the scheduled date of the Company’s next annual meeting of stockholders. Specifically, on April 4, 2007, Mr. Soderberg (i) became entitled to a prorated annual retainer in the amount of \$20,000; (ii) was granted an option to purchase 1,120 shares of the Company’s Class A Common Stock at an exercise price of \$20.82 per share and an exercise period of October 4, 2007 through April 4, 2017; and (iii) received an award of 640 restricted shares of the Company’s Class A Common Stock. Subject to applicable provisions in the award document, the restricted stock will vest on April 4, 2008. On April 4, 2007, which was the date of the option grant and the restricted stock award, the closing price of the Company’s Class A Common Stock was \$20.82 per share.

There are no arrangements or understandings between Mr. Soderberg and any other person pursuant to which he was selected either as a director or as a member of the Human Resources Committee, and there have been no transactions since the beginning of the Company’s last fiscal year, or are currently proposed, regarding Mr. Soderberg that are required to be disclosed by Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K.

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**ITEM 7.01 REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE.**

On April 9, 2007, Constellation Brands, Inc. (the “Company”) issued a news release announcing the election of Peter H. Soderberg as a member of the Company’s Board of Directors. A copy of the news release is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

References to the Company’s website in the release do not incorporate by reference the information on such website into this Current Report on Form 8-K and the Company disclaims any such incorporation by reference. The information in this Current Report on Form 8-K, including the news release attached as Exhibit 99.1, is incorporated by reference into this Item 7.01 in satisfaction of the public disclosure requirements of Regulation FD. The information in this Item 7.01 is “furnished” and not “filed” for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section. It may 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 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.**

- (a) Financial statements of businesses acquired.

Not applicable.

- (b) Pro forma financial information.

Not applicable.

- (c) Shell company transactions.

Not applicable.

- (d) Exhibits.

The following exhibit is furnished as part of this Current Report on Form 8-K:

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	News Release of the Company dated April 9, 2007.

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## 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.

Date: April 9, 2007

By: /s/ Thomas S. Summer  
Thomas S. Summer,  
Executive Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer

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## INDEX TO EXHIBITS

<b><u>Exhibit No.</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>
(1)	UNDERWRITING AGREEMENT  Not Applicable.
(2)	PLAN OF ACQUISITION, REORGANIZATION, ARRANGEMENT, LIQUIDATION OR SUCCESSION  Not Applicable.
(3)	ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION AND BYLAWS  Not Applicable.
(4)	INSTRUMENTS DEFINING THE RIGHTS OF SECURITY HOLDERS, INCLUDING INDENTURES  Not Applicable.
(7)	CORRESPONDENCE FROM AN INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT REGARDING NON-RELIANCE ON A PREVIOUSLY ISSUED AUDIT REPORT OR COMPLETED INTERIM REVIEW  Not Applicable.
(14)	CODE OF ETHICS  Not Applicable.
(16)	LETTER RE CHANGE IN CERTIFYING ACCOUNTANT  Not Applicable.
(17)	CORRESPONDENCE ON DEPARTURE OF DIRECTOR  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)	News Release of Constellation Brands, Inc. dated April 9, 2007.
(100)	XBRL-RELATED DOCUMENTS  Not Applicable.

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**NEWS RELEASE**

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**Constellation Brands Adds One Board Seat;  
Peter H. Soderberg Selected to Fill New Director Position**

**FAIRPORT, N.Y., April 9, 2007** - Constellation Brands, Inc. (NYSE: STZ; ASX: CBR), a leading international producer and marketer of beverage alcohol, today announced that its board of directors authorized an increase in board positions from seven to eight, and approved Peter H. Soderberg, 60, to fill the new board seat effective April 4, 2007. Soderberg is currently president and chief executive officer of Batesville, Indiana-based Hillenbrand Industries, Inc. (NYSE: HB), a public holding company for two major operating businesses serving the healthcare and funeral services industries.

“With tremendous manufacturing, marketing and operational experience in the consumer products, business-to-business and service industry sectors, Peter will be a valued addition to the Constellation Brands board and we look forward to the contributions he will make and the guidance he will provide,” said Richard Sands, Constellation Brands chairman and chief executive officer. “It has been our desire to increase the number of directors as the company grows, and we believe the time is right to add another voice to our strategic business analysis and decision making capabilities.”

Prior to joining Hillenbrand in 2006, Soderberg was with privately held Welch Allyn Inc. from 1993 to 2006, rising to president and chief executive officer of the New York-based medical equipment manufacturer in 2000. Soderberg spent 23 years at Johnson & Johnson in various management positions, mostly

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in consumer products, and he also founded a venture capital business, Princeton Entrepreneurial Resources. He earned a bachelor's degree in engineering from Yale University. Soderberg is currently on the boards of the Advanced Medical Technology Association, the Syracuse Symphony Orchestra, Greatbatch, Inc., as well as Hillenbrand.

**About Constellation Brands**

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: Almaden, Arbor Mist, Vendange, Woodbridge by Robert Mondavi, Hardys, Goundrey, Nobilo, Kim Crawford, Alice White, Ruffino, Kumala, Robert Mondavi Private Selection, Rex Goliath, Toasted Head, Blackstone, Ravenswood, Estancia, Franciscan Oakville Estate, Inniskillin, Jackson-Triggs, Simi, Robert Mondavi Winery, Stowells, Blackthorn, Black Velvet, Mr. Boston, Fleischmann's, Paul Masson Grande Amber Brandy, Chi-Chi's, 99 Schnapps, Ridgemont Reserve 1792 and the Effen and SVEDKA vodka lines. Constellation Brands, through Crown Imports LLC, imports and markets Corona Extra, Corona Light, Pacifico, Modelo Especial, Negra Modelo, St. Pauli Girl and Tsingtao beers. For additional information about Constellation Brands, as well as its product portfolio, visit the company's Web site at [www.cbrands.com](http://www.cbrands.com).

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