## 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 15, 2010

## CONSTELLATION BRANDS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

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(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

08495 (Commission File Number) <u>16-</u> 0716709 (IRS Employer

Identification No.)

 207 High Point Drive, Building 100, Victor, NY 14564

 (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

 (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code

<u>(585) 678-7100</u>

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)

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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))

#### Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.

On January 15, 2010, Constellation Brands, Inc. ("Constellation") issued a news release, a copy of which is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference, announcing the completion of Constellation's previously announced sale of its European cider business to C&C Group PLC of Dublin, Ireland.

References to Constellation's website in the release do not incorporate by reference the information on such website into this Current Report on Form 8-K and Constellation disclaims any such incorporation by reference. The information in 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. This information is "furnished" and not "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and is not 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:

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 News Release of Constellation Brands, Inc. dated January 15, 2010.

## 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.

Date: January 19, 2010

CONSTELLATION BRANDS, INC.

By: <u>/s/ Robert Ryder</u> Robert Ryder Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

## INDEX TO EXHIBITS

Exhibit No.	Description
(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 January 15, 2010.

## (100) XBRL-RELATED DOCUMENTS

Not Applicable.

(101) INTERACTIVE DATA FILE

Not Applicable.

## [LOGO] Constellation

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# **Constellation Brands Completes Sale of U.K. Cider Business**

VICTOR, N.Y., Jan. 15, 2010 – Constellation Brands, Inc. (NYSE: STZ, ASX: CBR), the world's leading wine company, announced today that it has completed the sale of its Gaymer Cider Company business to C&C Group PLC of Dublin, Ireland for a purchase price of £45 million, or approximately \$70 million, subject to closing adjustments. The company expects to use the proceeds from the sale to reduce borrowings.

## **About Constellation Brands**

Constellation Brands is the world's leading wine company that achieves success through an unmatched knowledge of wine consumers paired with storied brands that suit varied lives and tastes. With a broad portfolio of widely admired premium products across the wine, beer and spirits categories, Constellation's brand portfolio includes Robert Mondavi, Hardys, Clos du Bois, Blackstone, Arbor Mist, Estancia, Ravenswood, Jackson-Triggs, Kim Crawford, Corona Extra, Black Velvet Canadian Whisky and SVEDKA Vodka.

Constellation Brands (NYSE: STZ and STZ.B; ASX: CBR) is an S&P 500 Index and Fortune 1000® company with more than 100 total brands in our portfolio, sales in about 150 countries and operations in approximately 45 facilities. The company believes that industry leadership involves a commitment to our brands, to the trade, to the land, to investors and to different people around the world who turn to our products when celebrating big moments or enjoying quiet ones. We express this commitment through our vision: to elevate life with every glass raised. To learn more about Constellation Brands and its product portfolio visit the company's web site at <u>www.cbrands.com</u>.

### **Forward-Looking Statements**

This news release contains forward-looking statements. The words "anticipate," "intend," and "expect," and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements, although not all forward-looking statements contain such identifying words. These statements may relate to Constellation's business strategy, future operations, prospects, plans and objectives of management, as well as information concerning expected actions of third parties. All forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those set forth in, or implied by, such forward-looking statements.

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Although Constellation believes the expectations reflected in the forward-looking statements are reasonable, Constellation can give no assurance that such expectations will prove to be correct. All forward-looking statements speak only as of the date of this news release. Constellation undertakes no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

In addition to risks associated with ordinary business operations, the forward-looking statements contained in this news release are subject to other risks and uncertainties, including other factors and uncertainties disclosed from time to time in the company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended Feb. 28, 2009, which could cause actual future performance to differ from current expectations.