# 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) October 9, 2017

## **CONSTELLATION BRANDS, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware** 

<u>001-08495</u>

<u>16-0716709</u>

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

(Commission File Number) (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 (585) 678-7100

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):

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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))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company  $\Box$ 

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

#### Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

On October 9, 2017, Constellation Brands, Inc. ("Constellation" or the "Company") issued a news release, a copy of which release is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference, announcing a change in the Company's senior management personnel.

References to Constellation's website and/or other social media sites or platforms in the release do not incorporate by reference the information on such websites, social media sites or platforms 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. Such information 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 8.01 Other Events.

On October 9, 2017, the Company announced that Thomas J. Mullin, Executive Vice President and General Counsel, informed the Company that he will be retiring at the end of February 2018. James O. Bourdeau, age 53, has been named to succeed Mr. Mullin as Executive Vice President and General Counsel, effective December 1, 2017. Since September 2014, Mr. Bourdeau has served as the Company's Senior Vice President and General Counsel, Corporate Development. Before joining the Company, Mr. Bourdeau was a partner in the law firm of Nixon Peabody LLP from July 2000 through September 2014. Mr. Mullin will remain with the Company until his retirement in order to facilitate an effective transition of responsibilities.

#### Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(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 October 9, 2017.

## **INDEX TO EXHIBITS**

## Exhibit No. Description

- (99) ADDITIONAL EXHIBITS
- (99.1) <u>News Release of Constellation Brands, Inc. dated October 9, 2017.</u>

# 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: October 9, 2017

## CONSTELLATION BRANDS, INC.

By: /s/ David Klein

David Klein Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer



NEWS RELEASE

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# Constellation Brands Announces Retirement of Tom Mullin, Executive Vice President and General Counsel; Jim Bourdeau Named As Successor

**VICTOR, N.Y., Oct. 9, 2017** – Constellation Brands (NYSE: STZ and STZ.B), a leading beverage alcohol company, today announced that Tom Mullin, executive vice president and general counsel, will retire at the end of February 2018, after 17 years with the company.

"Tom has played an integral role as part of our executive management team over nearly two decades," said Rob Sands, chief executive officer, Constellation Brands. "His trusted counsel and leadership of our company's legal and public affairs activities helped propel our business to unprecedented growth. We thank Tom for his efforts over the years and wish him well in his retirement."

Mullin joined Constellation Brands as Executive Vice President and General Counsel in May 2000. During his tenure, he helped steward the continued evolution of the company's business operations and brand portfolio. Today, Constellation Brands is the third largest beer producer in the U.S. and the world's leading premium wine producer, and the company has a fast-growing portfolio of high-end spirits.

The company also announced that Jim Bourdeau will succeed Mullin as Executive Vice President and General Counsel effective December 1, 2017. Mullin and Bourdeau will work together over the next several months to ensure a seamless transition.

"Jim brings extensive experience in a variety of areas related to business law to this role," said Sands. "He has played key leadership roles in a number of our company's strategic initiatives, transactions and investments over the past several years. Jim will be an asset to our executive management team."

Bourdeau joined Constellation Brands in September 2014 as Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Development. Since that time, he has been involved in a number of activities related to the formation, financing and expansion of business operations; mergers and acquisitions; and venture financing. Bourdeau will be based at the company's headquarters in Victor, NY.

#### **About Constellation Brands**

Constellation Brands (NYSE: STZ and STZ.B), a Fortune 500 <sup>®</sup> company, is a leading international producer and marketer of beer, wine and spirits with operations in the U.S., Mexico, New Zealand, Italy and Canada. Constellation is the No. 3 beer company in the U.S. with high-end, iconic imported brands such as Corona Extra, Corona Light, Modelo Especial, Modelo Negra and Pacifico. The company's beer portfolio also includes Ballast Point, one of the most awarded craft brewers in the U.S. In addition, Constellation is the world leader in premium wine, selling great brands that people love, including Robert Mondavi, Clos du Bois, Kim Crawford, Meiomi, Mark West, Franciscan Estate, Ruffino and The Prisoner. The company's premium spirits brands include SVEDKA Vodka, Casa Noble Tequila and High West Whiskey.

Based in Victor, N.Y., the company believes that industry leadership involves a commitment to brand building, our trade partners, the environment, our investors and to consumers around the world who choose our products when celebrating big moments or enjoying quiet ones. Founded in 1945, Constellation has grown to become a significant player in the beverage alcohol industry with more than 100 brands in its portfolio; about 40 wineries, breweries and distilleries; and approximately 9,000 talented employees. We express our company vision: *to elevate life with every glass raised.* 

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