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 1, 2009

CONSTELLATION BRANDS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

| | <u>Delaware</u> (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) | 16-0716709 (IRS Employer Identification No.) | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | | 207 High Point Drive, Building 100, Victor, NY 1- (Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip O | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Regist | trant's telephone number, including area code (58) | 5) 678-7100 | | | | | | | | | |
| | Not Applicable | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | (Former name or former address, if changed since last re | eport) | | | | | | | | | |
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| | k the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing ral Instruction A.2. below): | is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of | of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see | | | | | | | | | |
|] | Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 un | nder the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425) | | | | | | | | | | |
|] | Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 unde | er 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 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On October 1, 2009, Constellation Brands, Inc. (the "Company"), a Delaware corporation, issued a news release (the "release") announcing its financial condition and results of operations as of and for the second fiscal quarter ended August 31, 2009. 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 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.

The release contains non-GAAP financial measures; in the release these are referred to as "comparable," "organic" or "constant currency" 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, organic net sales measures and constant currency measures are provided because management uses this information in monitoring and evaluating the results and underlying business trends of the continuing operations of the Company and/or 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, the following items, including the related income tax effect, are excluded from comparable results, when appropriate: the flow through of adverse grape cost associated with an acquisition; the flow through of inventory step-up associated with acquisitions; accelerated depreciation in connection with certain restructuring activities; the write-down of inventory in connection with certain restructuring activities; toher costs incurred in connection with certain restructuring and/or integration activities; losses in connection with the disposal of a business and/or assets, including assets held for sale; restructuring charges; impairment of intangible assets; acquisition-related integration costs; and the impairment of an equity method investment. The Company divested certain Pacific Northwest wine brands on June 5, 2008; exited certain spirits production contracts in connection with the sale of a Canadian distilling facility on August 31, 2008; and sold certain value spirits brands on March 24, 2009. Accordingly, during the indicated period, organic net sales measures exclude the net sales of certain Pacific Northwest wine brands, certain spirits production contracts, and/or certain value spirits brands, as appropriate. Constant currency measures exclude the impact of year over year currency exchange rate fluctuations.

Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.

On October 1, 2009, 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.

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 October 1, 2009.

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 1, 2009 CONSTELLATION BRANDS, INC.

By: <u>/s/ Robert Ryder</u> Robert Ryder

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

INDEX TO EXHIBITS

| Exhibit No. | <u>Description</u> |
|-------------|--|
| (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 |
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Not Applicable. (99) ADDITIONAL EXHIBITS (99.1) News Release of Constellation Brands, Inc. dated October 1, 2009. XBRL-RELATED DOCUMENTS (100)Not Applicable. (101)

INTERACTIVE DATA FILE

Not Applicable.



NEWS RELEASE

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Constellation Brands Reports Q2 Fiscal 2010 Results

- Achieves comparable basis diluted EPS of \$0.54 and reported basis diluted EPS of \$0.45
- · Quarter benefits from U.S. distributor transition and tax timing
- Reaffirms full-year diluted EPS and free cash flow guidance
- Realigns and consolidates U.S. sales force and distributor network
- · Continues to benefit from cost reduction efforts
- Decreases debt by more than \$155 million during the quarter and by \$270 million year-to-date

Second Quarter 2010 Financial Highlights*

(in millions, except per share data)

| | C | omparable | Change | Reported | Change |
|---|----|-----------|---------|----------|--------|
| Consolidated net sales | \$ | 877 | -8% \$ | 877 | -8% |
| | Ф | 0.55 | 407 | | |
| Organic constant currency net sales | \$ | 877 | 4% | - | - |
| Operating income | \$ | 168 | 15% \$ | 139 | NM |
| Operating margin | | 19.1% | 380 bps | 15.8% | NM |
| Equity in earnings of equity method investees** | \$ | 73 | -1% \$ | 73 | 4% |
| Earnings before interest and taxes (EBIT) | \$ | 241 | 9% | - | - |
| Net income | \$ | 120 | 21% \$ | 100 | NM |
| Diluted earnings per share | \$ | 0.54 | 20% \$ | 0.45 | NM |

VICTOR, N.Y., Oct. 1, 2009 – Constellation Brands, Inc. (NYSE: STZ, ASX: CBR), the world's leading wine company, reported today its fiscal 2010 second quarter results. "Our performance in the second quarter demonstrates that we are on track to achieve our full-year goals," said Rob Sands, president and chief executive officer of Constellation Brands. "We are focused on driving organic growth, building must-have brands that return the greatest profits and creating efficiencies for long-term sustainable growth. Our initiative to consolidate distribution in the U.S. is nearly complete and we anticipate that this effort will be a major catalyst for future organic brand growth."

Chief Financial Officer Bob Ryder added, "We are pleased with the progress made in our global cost reduction efforts and the continuing drive to increase sustainable free cash flow and pay down debt. Our deleveraging efforts are progressing well as debt decreased by more than \$155 million during the second quarter and more than \$1 billion since the beginning of fiscal 2009."

Second Quarter 2010 Net Sales Highlights* (in millions)

| | | Reported | | Organic | | | | | |
|--------------|-----------|----------|----------|---------|--------|----------|--|--|--|
| | | | Constant | | | Constant | | | |
| | Net | | Currency | Net | | Currency | | | |
| | Sales | Change | Change | Sales | Change | Change | | | |
| Consolidated | \$ 877 | -8% | -3% \$ | 877 | -2% | 4% | | | |
| Branded Wine | \$ 752 | -4% | 2% \$ | 752 | -4% | 2% | | | |
| Spirits | \$ 65 | -41% | -41% \$ | 65 | 49% | 49% | | | |
| Other | \$ 60 | -9% | 5% \$ | 60 | -9% | 5% | | | |

^{*}Definitions of reported, comparable, organic and constant currency, as well as reconciliations of non-GAAP financial measures, are contained elsewhere in this news release.

** Hereafter referred to as "equity earnings."

NM=Not meaningful

Net Sales Commentary

Reported consolidated net sales decreased eight percent due primarily to the impact of the value spirits divestiture and year-over-year currency exchange rate fluctuations. Organic net sales increased four percent on a constant currency basis.

Branded wine organic net sales on a constant currency basis increased two percent overall, three percent in North America, five percent in Australia/New Zealand and decreased five percent in Europe.

"During the second quarter, we worked closely with our U.S. distributors to minimize operational disruption during the transition period. As planned, we shipped additional inventories to newly appointed distributors to ensure adequate service levels with retailers. As a result, we experienced a second quarter sales benefit which we anticipate will reverse in the balance of the year," said Sands. "As the transition activities are proceeding well, we believe we are now in a good position to execute for the key holiday season."

Total spirits organic net sales increased 49 percent for the quarter, primarily led by SVEDKA Vodka. "We are extremely pleased at the continued success of the SVEDKA brand which is performing well at national chains, control states and on-premise," Sands said.

Operating Income, Net Income, Diluted EPS Commentary

Wines segment operating income increased \$16 million versus the prior year second quarter. This increase is primarily due to U.S. shipment growth, savings from cost reduction efforts and the overlap of foreign currency losses from the prior year second quarter. These benefits were partially offset by the divestiture of the value spirits business and a decrease in operating income from the international business.

Constellation's equity earnings from its 50 percent interest in the CrownImports joint venture totaled \$72 million, a decrease of three percent from the prior year second quarter. For second quarter 2010, Crown Imports generated net sales of \$693 million, a decrease of five percent, and operating income of \$145 million, a decrease of three percent.

"While sales remain challenging in the on-premise and convenience store channels, we continue to focus on optimizing promotional activity through targeted marketing and programming. In addition, we are introducing new packaging options and increasing media exposure," said Sands. "This month, Crown will launch 24 oz. cans of Corona Extra and Corona Light into the convenience channel. The company has also increased its national media buys for Corona Extra and Corona Light during National Football League games and Major League baseball playoffs."

For second quarter 2010, pre-tax restructuring charges, acquisition-related integration costs and unusual items totaled \$29 million compared to \$129 million for the prior year second quarter.

Interest expense totaled \$67 million, a decrease of 17 percent. The decrease was primarily due to lower average borrowings during the quarter.

The effective tax rate in the second quarter was 31 percent which reflects the completion of various income tax examinations during second quarter 2010. The company continues to anticipate a full-year comparable tax rate of 38 percent.

Summary

"The macroeconomic environment remains challenging but we are beginning to see some signs of stabilization," said Sands. "Powered by a strong portfolio of brands which includes Robert Mondavi, Ravenswood, Blackstone, Kim Crawford and SVEDKA, we believe we have the right strategies in place to organically grow the business. We intend to continue to reduce borrowings, improve free cash flow and optimize return on invested capital. Our expectations for the full year remain unchanged."

Outlook

The table below sets forth management's current diluted EPS expectations for fiscal 2010 compared to fiscal 2009 actual results, both on a reported basis and a comparable basis.

Constellation Brands Fiscal 2010 Diluted Earnings Per Share Outlook

| | Reporte | d Basis | Compara | able Basis | | |
|----------------------------|-----------------|-----------|-----------------|------------|----|--|
| | FY10 | FY09 | FY10 | FY09 | _ | |
| | Estimate | Actual | Estimate | Actual | | |
| Fiscal Year Ending Feb. 28 | \$0.97 - \$1.07 | \$ (1.40) | \$1.60 - \$1.70 | \$ 1.6 | 60 | |

Full-year fiscal 2010 guidance includes the following current assumptions:

- · Interest expense: approximately \$260 \$270 million
- Tax rate: approximately 53 percent on a reported basis, as compared to 38 percent on a comparable basis, primarily due to a provision of 9 percentage points associated with the March 2009 sale of the value spirits business and 5 percentage points related to international restructuring activities which have minimal tax benefits
- · Weighted average diluted shares outstanding: approximately 222 million

· Free cash flow: \$230 - \$270 million

Conference Call

A conference call to discuss second quarter 2010 results and outlook will be hosted by President and Chief Executive Officer Rob Sands and Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Bob Ryder on Thursday, Oct. 1, 2009 at 10:30 a.m. (eastern). The conference call can be accessed by dialing +973-935-8505 beginning 10 minutes prior to the start of the call. A live listen-only webcast of the conference call, together with a copy of this news release (including the attachments) and other financial information that may be discussed in the call will be available on the Internet at Constellation's Web site: www.cbrands.com under "Investors," prior to the call.

Explanations

Reported basis ("reported") operating income, net income and diluted EPS are as reported under generally accepted accounting principles. Operating income, net income and diluted EPS on a comparable basis ("comparable"), exclude restructuring charges, acquisition-related integration costs and unusual items. The company's measure of segment profitability excludes restructuring charges, acquisition-related integration costs and unusual items, which is consistent with the measure used by management to evaluate results.

The company discusses additional non-GAAP measures in this news release, including constant currency net sales, organic net sales, comparable basis EBIT and free cash flow.

Tables reconciling non-GAAP measures, together with definitions of these measures and the reasons management uses these measures, are included inthis news release.

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 50 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 www.cbrands.com.

Forward-Looking Statements

The statements made under the heading Outlook, and all statements other than statements of historical facts set forth in this news release regarding Constellation's business strategy, future operations, financial position, estimated revenues, projected costs, prospects, plans and objectives of management, as well as information concerning expected actions of third parties, are forward-looking statements (collectively, the "Projections") that involve risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those set forth in or implied by the Projections.

During the current quarter, Constellation may reiterate the Projections. Prior to the start of the company's quiet period, which will begin at the close of business on Nov. 23, 2009, the public can continue to rely on the Projections as still being Constellation's current expectations on the matters covered, unless Constellation publishes a notice stating otherwise. During Constellation's "quiet period," the Projections should not be considered to constitute the company's expectations and should be considered historical, speaking as of prior to the quiet period only and not subject to update by the company.

The Projections 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, restructuring or other strategic business realignments, or financing that may be completed after the date of this release. The Projections 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 Projections of the company contained in this news release are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties, including:

- · realization of expected synergies from acquired businesses;
- completion of various portfolio actions; implementation of consolidation activities and actual U.S. distributor transition experience;
- achievement of all expected cost savings from the company's various restructuring plans, realization of expected asset sale proceeds from the sale of inventory and other assets, and receipt of all consideration from the divestiture of the value spirits business;
- · accuracy of the bases for forecasts relating to joint ventures and associated costs and capital investment requirements;
- restructuring charges, acquisition-related integration costs and other one-time costs associated with integration and restructuring plans may vary materially from management's current estimates due to variations in one or more of anticipated headcount reductions, contract terminations, costs or timing of plan implementation;
- 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 lower than expected sales or higher than expected expenses;
- general economic, geo-political and regulatory conditions, prolonged downturn in the economic markets in the U.S. and in the company's major markets outside of the U.S., continuing instability in world financial markets, or unanticipated environmental liabilities and costs;

- · changes to accounting rules and tax laws, and other factors which could impact the company's reported financial position or effective tax rate;
- changes in interest rates and the inherent unpredictability of currency fluctuations, commodity prices and raw material costs; and
- other factors and uncertainties disclosed 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.

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Constellation Brands, Inc. and Subsidiaries CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(in millions)

| | August 31, 2009 | February 28, 2009 | | |
|--|---|---|--|--|
| Assets | | | | |
| Current Assets: | | | | |
| Cash and cash investments | \$ 19.7 | \$ 13.1 | | |
| Accounts receivable, net | 787.3 | 524.0 | | |
| Inventories | 1,824.0 | 1,828.7 | | |
| Prepaid expenses and other | 187.6 | 168. | | |
| Total current assets | 2,818.6 | 2,534.5 | | |
| Property, plant and equipment, net | 1,622.5 | 1,547.5 | | |
| Goodwill | 2,551.3 | 2,615.0 | | |
| Intangible assets, net | 1,025.3 | 1,000.6 | | |
| Other assets, net | 416.2 | 338.9 | | |
| Total assets | <u>\$ 8,433.9</u> | \$ 8,036.5 | | |
| Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity Current Liabilities: | | | | |
| | | | | |
| Notes payable to banks | \$ 195.9 | \$ 227.3 | | |
| Notes payable to banks Current maturities of long-term debt | 277.4 | 235.2 | | |
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Constellation Brands, Inc. and Subsidiaries CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (in millions, except per share data)

| | | Three Mon | ths End | | Six Months Ended | | | |
|---|----|-------------------|---------|------------------|------------------|--------------------|----|-------------------|
| | A | ugust 31, 2009 | | gust 31, 2008 | A | August 31, 2009 | | ugust 31, 2008 |
| Sales | \$ | 1,090.7 | \$ | 1,239.2 | \$ | 2,094.5 | \$ | 2,451.2 |
| Excise taxes | | (213.9) | | (282.7) | | (426.1) | | (562.9) |
| Net sales | | 876.8 | | 956.5 | | 1,668.4 | | 1,888.3 |
| Cost of product sold | | (567.2) | | (650.7) | | (1,090.1) | | (1,253.5) |
| Gross profit | | 309.6 | | 305.8 | | 578.3 | | 634.8 |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses | | (167.8) | | (225.2) | | (334.4) | | (458.7) |
| Impairment of intangible assets | | - | | (21.8) | | - | | (21.8) |
| Restructuring charges | | (3.2) | | (35.5) | | (22.1) | | (36.0) |
| Acquisition-related integration costs | | | | (1.8) | | (0.1) | | (6.1) |
| Operating income | | 138.6 | | 21.5 | | 221.7 | | 112.2 |
| Equity in earnings of equity method investees | | 73.2 | | 70.1 | | 136.0 | | 142.2 |
| Interest expense, net | | (66.6) | | (80.7) | | (133.4) | | (167.3) |
| Income before income taxes | | 145.2 | | 10.9 | | 224.3 | | 87.1 |
| Provision for income taxes | | (45.5) | | (33.6) | | (118.1) | | (65.2) |
| Net income | \$ | 99.7 | \$ | (22.7) | \$ | 106.2 | \$ | 21.9 |
| Earnings Per Common Share: | | | | | | | | |
| Basic - Class A Common Stock | \$ | 0.46 | \$ | (0.11) | \$ | 0.49 | \$ | 0.10 |
| Basic - Class B Common Stock | \$ | 0.42 | \$ | (0.10) | \$ | 0.44 | \$ | 0.09 |
| Diluted - Class A Common Stock | \$ | 0.45 | \$ | (0.11) | \$ | 0.48 | \$ | 0.10 |
| Diluted - Class B Common Stock | \$ | 0.41 | \$ | (0.10) | \$ | 0.44 | \$ | 0.09 |
| Weighted Average Common Shares Outstanding: | | | | | | | | |
| Basic - Class A Common Stock | | 195.910 | | 193.733 | | 195.571 | | 193.262 |
| Basic - Class B Common Stock | | 23.736 | | 23.754 | | 23.740 | | 23.762 |
| Diluted - Class A Common Stock | | 220.714 | | 193.733 | | 220.274 | | 219.828 |
| Diluted - Class B Common Stock | | 23.736 | | 23.754 | | 23.740 | | 23.762 |
| | | | | | | | | |

Constellation Brands, Inc. and Subsidiaries CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(in millions)

| | Six Mor | nths Ended | | |
|--|--------------------|------------|--------------------|--|
| | August 31, 2009 | | August 31, 2008 | |
| Cash Flows From Operating Activities | | | | |
| Net income | \$ 106.2 | \$ | 21.9 | |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities: | | | | |
| Depreciation of property, plant and equipment | 77.1 | | 79.3 | |
| Stock-based compensation expense | 25.4 | | 22.3 | |
| Amortization of intangible and other assets | 6.0 | | 5.9 | |
| Loss on business sold | 0.8 | | 15.8 | |
| Deferred tax provision | (28.7) |) | 11.8 | |
| Equity in earnings of equity method investees, net of distributed earnings | (12.3) |) | 3.1 | |
| (Gain) loss on disposal or impairment of long-lived assets, net | (1.4) |) | 28.6 | |
| Write-down of inventory associated with the Australian Initiative | - | | 47.6 | |
| Impairment of intangible assets | - | | 21.8 | |
| Change in operating assets and liabilities, net of effects from purchases and sales of businesses: | | | | |
| Accounts receivable, net | (204.5) | | (76.0) | |
| Inventories | 91.3 | | (28.3) | |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets | 1.0 | | 9.7 | |
| Accounts payable | (11.5) | | 10.2 | |
| Accrued excise taxes | 17.6 | | 9.5 | |
| Other accrued expenses and liabilities | 8.8 | | (65.5) | |
| Other, net | 21.6 | | 59.1 | |
| Total adjustments | (8.8) |) | 154.9 | |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | 97.4 | | 176.8 | |
| Cash Flows From Investing Activities | | | | |
| Proceeds from sale of business | 276.4 | | 204.2 | |
| Proceeds from sales of assets | | | | |
| | 14.5 | | 16.0 | |
| Purchases of property, plant and equipment | (65.1) | , | (52.0) | |
| Investment in equity method investee | (0.5) |) | (0.6) | |
| Purchase of business, net of cash acquired | - | | 0.6 | |
| Other investing activities | 1.2 | | 11.3 | |
| Net cash provided by investing activities | 226.5 | | 179.5 | |
| Cash Flows From Financing Activities | | | | |
| Principal payments of long-term debt | (271.4) |) | (99.5) | |
| Net repayment of notes payable | (60.2) | | (281.0) | |
| Exercise of employee stock options | 9.0 | | 19.2 | |
| Proceeds from employee stock purchases | 2.3 | | 2.9 | |
| Excess tax benefits from stock-based payment awards | 2.2 | | 6.4 | |
| Net cash used in financing activities | (318.1) |) | (352.0) | |
| Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash investments | 0.8 | | 0.1 | |
| Net increase in cash and cash equivalents | 6.6 | | 4.4 | |
| Cash and cash investments, beginning of period | 13.1 | | 20.5 | |
| Cash and cash investments, end of period | \$ 19.7 | \$ | 24.9 | |
| Cash and Cash investments, thu of period | <u>\$ 19.7</u> | Φ | 24.9 | |

Constellation Brands, Inc. and Subsidiaries SEGMENT INFORMATION

(in millions)

| | | Three Mor | nths E | inded | | Six Months Ended | | | | |
|---|----|--------------------|--------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-----------|--------------------|-----------|-------------------|
| | Au | August 31, 2009 | | ugust 31, 2008 | Percent Change | August 31, 2009 | | August 31, 2008 | | Percent Change |
| Segment Net Sales and Operating Income | | | | | | | | | | |
| Constellation Wines (1) | | | | | | | | | | |
| Branded wine net sales | \$ | 752.4 | \$ | 782.1 | (4)% | \$ | 1,440.3 | \$ | 1,547.8 | (7)% |
| Spirits net sales | | 64.9 | | 109.1 | (41)% | | 125.0 | | 214.7 | (42)% |
| Other net sales | | 59.5 | | 65.3 | (9)% | | 103.1 | | 125.8 | (18)% |
| Segment net sales | \$ | 876.8 | \$ | 956.5 | (8)% | \$ | 1,668.4 | \$ | 1,888.3 | (12)% |
| Operating income | \$ | 187.9 | \$ | 172.3 | 9% | \$ | 335.5 | \$ | 327.6 | 2% |
| % Net sales | | 21.4% | | 18.0% | | | 20.1% | | 17.3% | |
| Equity in earnings of equity method investees | \$ | 1.0 | \$ | (0.2) | NM | \$ | 0.9 | \$ | 2.2 | (59)% |
| Crown Imports | | | | | | | | | | |
| Segment net sales | \$ | 693.0 | \$ | 732.1 | (5)% | \$ | 1,328.8 | \$ | 1,404.6 | (5)% |
| Operating income | \$ | 144.7 | \$ | 148.8 | (3)% | \$ | 270.7 | \$ | 287.4 | (6)% |
| % Net sales | | 20.9% | ; | 20.3% | | | 20.4% | | 20.5% | |
| Consolidation and Eliminations | | | | | | | | | | |
| Segment net sales | \$ | (693.0) | \$ | (732.1) | (5)% | \$ | (1,328.8) | \$ | (1,404.6) | (5)% |
| Operating income | \$ | (144.7) | \$ | (148.8) | (3)% | \$ | (270.7) | \$ | (287.4) | (6)% |
| Equity in earnings of Crown Imports | \$ | 72.2 | \$ | 74.4 | (3)% | \$ | 135.1 | \$ | 144.1 | (6)% |
| Corporate Operations and Other | | | | | | | | | | |
| Consolidated net sales | \$ | 876.8 | \$ | 956.5 | (8)% | \$ | 1,668.4 | \$ | 1,888.3 | (12)% |
| Operating income | \$ | (20.4) | \$ | (26.2) | (22)% | | (44.7) | \$ | (50.2) | (11)% |
| % Net sales | | 2.3% | 5 | 2.7% | | | 2.7% | | 2.7% | ì |

NM = Not Meaningful

⁽¹⁾ In connection with the Company's divestiture of its value spirits business and the integration of the retained spirits brands into the Constellation Wines business, the Company changed its internal management financial reporting on May 1, 2009. The Company now reports its operating results in three segments: Constellation Wines, Crown Imports and Corporate Operations and Other. Prior results have been restated to conform with the new segment presentation.

Constellation Brands, Inc. and Subsidiaries GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

(in millions)

| | | Three Mont August 31, 2009 | | Ended ugust 31, 2008 | Percent Change | Currency Impact | Constant Currency Percent Change ⁽³⁾ | |
|--|----|----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|---|--|
| Geographic Net Sales (1)(2) | | | | | <u> </u> | • | <u> </u> | |
| North America | \$ | 622.7 | \$ | 666.1 | (7)% | (1)% | (5)% | |
| Branded wine | \$ | 543.2 | \$ | 534.7 | 2% | (1)% | 3% | |
| Spirits | \$ | 64.9 | \$ | 109.1 | (41)% | - | (41)% | |
| Other | \$ | 14.6 | \$ | 22.3 | (35)% | (3)% | (32)% | |
| Europe | \$ | 164.0 | \$ | 191.1 | (14)% | (16)% | 2% | |
| Branded wine | \$ | 122.5 | \$ | 153.1 | (20)% | (15)% | (5)% | |
| Other | \$ | 41.5 | \$ | 38.0 | 9% | (20)% | 29% | |
| Australia/New Zealand | \$ | 90.1 | \$ | 99.3 | (9)% | (13)% | 4% | |
| Branded wine | \$ | 86.7 | \$ | 94.3 | (8)% | (13)% | 5% | |
| Other | \$ | 3.4 | \$ | 5.0 | (32)% | (10)% | (22)% | |
| | | Three Moragust 31, 2009 | Onths Ended August 31, 2008 | | Percent Change | Currency Impact | Organic Constant Currency Percent Change ⁽³⁾ | |
| Branded Wine Geographic Net Sales (1)(2) North America | ф | 543.2 | \$ | 534.7 | 2% | (1)0/ | 3% | |
| North America Europe | \$ | 122.5 | Э | 153.1 | (20)% | (1)% (15)% | (5)% | |
| Australia/New Zealand | | 86.7 | | 94.3 | (8)% | (13)% | 5% | |
| Consolidated branded wine net sales | \$ | 752.4 | \$ | 782.1 | (4)% | (5)% | 2% | |
| | A | Six Mont August 31, 2009 | | Ended ugust 31, 2008 | Percent Change | Currency Impact | Constant Currency Percent Change (3) | |
| Geographic Net Sales (1)(2) | | | | | | | | |
| North America | \$ | 1,194.9 | \$ | 1,318.6 | (9)% | (2)% | (7)% | |
| Branded wine | \$ | 1,043.6 | \$ | 1,065.4 | (2)% | (2)% | - | |
| Spirits | \$ | 125.0 | \$ | 214.7 | (42)% | - | (42)% | |
| Wholesale and other | \$ | 26.3 | \$ | 38.5 | (32)% | (5)% | (26)% | |
| Europe | \$ | 308.5 | \$ | 373.2 | (17)% | (21)% | 4% | |
| Branded wine | \$ | 235.6 | \$ | 296.1 | (20)% | (21)% | - | |
| Wholesale and other | \$ | 72.9 | \$ | 77.1 | (5)% | (24)% | 18% | |
| Australia/New Zealand | \$ | 165.0 | \$ | 196.5 | (16)% | (19)% | 3% | |
| Branded wine | \$ | 161.1 | \$ | 186.3 | (14)% | (19)% | 6% | |
| Wholesale and other | \$ | 3.9 | \$ | 10.2 | (62)% | (6)% | (56)% | |

| | | Six Mont | hs Er | nded | | | | Organic Constant Currency |
|--|----|--------------------|-------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|
| | Au | August 31, 2009 | | ugust 31, 2008 | Percent Change | Divestiture Impact ⁽⁴⁾ | Currency Impact | Percent Change ⁽³⁾ |
| Branded Wine Geographic Net Sales (1)(2) | | | | | | | | |
| North America | \$ | 1,043.6 | \$ | 1,065.4 | (2)% | (1)% | (2)% | 1% |
| Europe | | 235.6 | | 296.1 | (20)% | - | (21)% | - |
| Australia/New Zealand | | 161.1 | | 186.3 | (14)% | - | (19)% | 6% |
| Consolidated branded wine net sales | \$ | 1,440.3 | \$ | 1,547.8 | (7)% | (1)% | (8)% | 1% |

- (1) Refer to discussion under "Reconciliation of Reported, Organic and Constant Currency Net Sales" on following page for definition of constant currency net sales and organic constant currency net sales and reasons for use.
- (2) Net sales are attributed to countries based on the location of the selling company.
- (3) May not sum due to rounding as each item is computed independently.
- (4) Divestiture impact includes the removal of branded wine net sales associated with the Pacific Northwest brands for the period March 1, 2008, through May 31, 2008, included in the six months ended August 31, 2008.

Constellation Brands, Inc. and Subsidiaries RECONCILIATION OF REPORTED, ORGANIC AND CONSTANT CURRENCY NET SALES (in millions)

As the company sold certain Pacific Northwest wine brands on June 5, 2008; exited certain spirits production contracts in connection with the sale of a Canadian distilling facility on August 31, 2008; and sold certain value spirits brands on March 24, 2009, organic net sales for the respective periods are defined by the company as reported net sales less net sales of Pacific Northwest wine brands and/or net sales of certain spirits contract production services and/or value brands, as appropriate. Organic net sales and percentage increase (decrease) in constant currency net sales (which excludes the impact of year over year currency exchange rate fluctuations) are provided because management uses this information in monitoring and evaluating the underlying business trends of the continuing operations of the company. 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.

| | Three Months Ended | | | nded | Constant Currency Six Months Ended | | | | | | | | | Constant Currency |
|--|--------------------|----------------------|----|------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|----|----------|--------------------|---------|-------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|
| Consolidated Net Sales | | ugust 31, 2009 | | gust 31, 2008 | Percent Change | Currency Impact | Percent Change ⁽¹⁾ | , | | August 31, 2008 | | Percent Change | Currency Impact | Percent Change ⁽¹⁾ |
| Branded wine | \$ | 752.4 | S | 782.1 | (4)% | (5)% | 2% | S | 1,440.3 | \$ | 1,547.8 | (7)% | (8)% | 1% |
| Spirits | Ψ | 64.9 | Ψ | 109.1 | (41)% | - | (41)% | Ψ | 125.0 | Ψ | 214.7 | (42)% | - | (42)% |
| Other | | 59.5 | | 65.3 | (9)% | (13)% | 5% | | 103.1 | | 125.8 | (18)% | (17)% | (1)% |
| Consolidated reported net sales | | 876.8 | | 956.5 | (8)% | (5)% | (3)% | | 1,668.4 | | 1,888.3 | (12)% | (7)% | (4)% |
| Less: Pacific Northwest branded wine net sales | | | | | | | | | | | (7.9) | | | |
| Less: Spirits net sales (3) | | - | | (65.4) | | | | | - | | (118.0) | | | |
| Consolidated organic net sales | \$ | 876.8 | \$ | 891.1 | (2)% | (6)% | 4% | \$ | 1,668.4 | \$ | 1,762.4 | (5)% | (8)% | 3% |
| Branded Wine Net Sales | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Branded wine reported net sales | \$ | 752.4 | \$ | 782.1 | (4)% | (5)% | 2% | \$ | 1,440.3 | \$ | 1,547.8 | (7)% | (8)% | 1% |
| Less: Pacific Northwest branded wine net sales | | | | | | | | | <u> </u> | _ | (7.9) | , | , | |
| Branded wine organic net sales | \$ | 752.4 | \$ | 782.1 | (4)% | (5)% | 2% | \$ | 1,440.3 | \$ | 1,539.9 | (6)% | (8)% | 1% |
| Spirits Net Sales | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Spirits reported net sales | \$ | 64.9 | \$ | 109.1 | (41)% | - | (41)% | \$ | 125.0 | \$ | 214.7 | (42)% | - | (42)% |
| Less: Spirits net sales (3) | | | | (65.4) | () | | ,,,, | | | | (118.0) | () | | |
| Spirits organic net sales | \$ | 64.9 | \$ | 43.7 | 49% | - | 49% | \$ | 125.0 | \$ | 96.7 | 29% | - | 29% |

- (1) May not sum due to rounding as each item is computed independently.
- (2) For the period March 1, 2008, through May 31, 2008, included in the six months ended August 31, 2008.
- (3) Includes certain spirits contract production services net sales and certain spirits value brands net sales for the period June 1, 2008, through August 31, 2008, included in the three months ended August 31, 2008. Includes certain spirits contract production services net sales for the period March 1, 2008, through August 31, 2008, and certain spirits value brands net sales for the period March 25, 2008, through August 31, 2008, included in the six months ended August 31, 2008.

Constellation Brands, Inc. and Subsidiaries RECONCILIATIONS OF GAAP TO NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES $^{\rm (1)}$

(in millions, except per share data)

| | Three Months Ended August 31, 2009 | | | | | Three Months Ended August 31, 2008 | | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------|---|-------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------|---|----------------------|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| | Reported Basis (GAAP) | Inventory Step-up | Strategic Business Realignment ⁽²⁾ | Other | Comparable Basis (Non- GAAP) | Reported Basis (GAAP) | Inventory Step-up | Strategic Business Realignment ⁽²⁾ | Other ⁽³⁾ | Comparable Basis (Non- GAAP) | Percent Change - Comparable Basis (Non- GAAP) | Percent Change - Comparable Basis (Non- GAAP) |
| Nxzxzxet Sales | \$ 876.8 | | | | \$ 876.8 | \$ 956.5 | | | | \$ 956.5 | (8)% | (8)% |
| Cost of product sold | (567.2) | 2.5 | 13.0 | | (551.7) | (650.7) | 4.3 | 49.9 | | (506.5) | (13)% | (8)% |
| Gross Profit | (567.2) 309.6 | 2.5 | 13.0 | | 325.1 | 305.8 | 4.3 | 49.9 | | (596.5) 360.0 | 1% | |
| Selling, general and | 309.6 | 2.5 | 13.0 | - | 325.1 | 305.8 | 4.3 | 49.9 | - | 360.0 | 1% | (10)% |
| administrative | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| expenses ("SG&A") | (167.8) | | 10.2 | | (157.6) | (225.2) | | 11.3 | | (213.9) | (25)% | (26)% |
| Impairment of | (107.0) | | 10.2 | | (137.0) | (223.2) | | 11.5 | | (213.5) | (23)/0 | (20)/0 |
| intangible assets | - | | - | | _ | (21.8) | | 21.8 | | _ | NM | N/A |
| Restructuring | | | | | | , | | | | | | |
| charges | (3.2) | | 3.2 | | - | (35.5) | | 35.5 | | - | NM | N/A |
| Acquisition-related | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| integration costs | | | | | | (1.8) | | 1.8 | | | NM | N/A |
| Operating Income | 138.6 | 2.5 | 26.4 | - | 167.5 | 21.5 | 4.3 | 120.3 | - | 146.1 | NM | 15% |
| Equity in earnings | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| of equity method | 72.2 | | | | 72.2 | 70.1 | | | 4.1 | 74.0 | 40/ | (1)0/ |
| investees | 73.2 | | | | 73.2 | 70.1 | | | 4.1 | 74.2 | 4% | (1)% |
| EBIT | | | | | 240.7 | | | | | 220.3 | N/A | 9% |
| Interest expense, | (66.6) | | | | (66.6) | (90.7) | | | | (90.7) | (17)% | (17)0/ |
| net | (66.6) | | | | (66.6) | (80.7) | | | | (80.7) | (17)% | (17)% |
| Income Before Income Taxes | 145.2 | 2.5 | 26.4 | | 174.1 | 10.9 | 4.3 | 120.3 | 4.1 | 139.6 | NM | 25% |
| (Provision for) | 145.2 | 2.5 | 20.4 | - | 1/4.1 | 10.9 | 4.3 | 120.3 | 4.1 | 139.0 | INIVI | 25% |
| benefit from income | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| taxes | (45.5) | (0.9) | (7.7) | _ | (54.1) | (33.6) | (1.6) | (5.4) | _ | (40.6) | 35% | 33% |
| Net Income | \$ 99.7 | \$ 1.6 | \$ 18.7 | \$ - | \$ 120.0 | \$ (22.7) | \$ 2.7 | \$ 114.9 | \$ 4.1 | \$ 99.0 | NM | 21% |
| Diluted Earnings | | | | | | | | | | | INIVI | 21 /0 |
| Per Common Share | \$ 0.45 | | | | \$ 0.54 | \$ (0.11) | | | | \$ 0.45 | NM | 20% |
| Weighted Average | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Common Shares | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Outstanding - | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Diluted ⁽⁴⁾ | 220.714 | | | | 220.714 | 193.733 | | | | 220.353 | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Gross Margin | 35.3% | | | | 37.1% | 32.0% | | | | 37.6% | | |
| SG&A as a percent | 10.10/ | | | | 10.00/ | 22.59/ | | | | 22 497 | | |
| of net sales Operating Margin | 19.1% 15.8% | | | | 18.0% 19.1% | | | | | 22.4% 15.3% | | |
| Effective Tax Rate | 31.3% | | | | 31.1% | | | | | 29.1% | | |
| Ellective Tax Kate | 31.3% | | | | 31.1% | 300.3% | | | | 29.1% | | |

Constellation Brands, Inc. and Subsidiaries RECONCILIATIONS OF GAAP TO NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES $^{(1)}\,$

(in millions, except per share data)

| | Six Months Ended August 31, 2009 | | | | Six Months Ended August 31, 2008 | | | | | | | |
|---|----------------------------------|----------------------|---|------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|---|----------------------|---------------------------------------|--|---|
| | Reported Basis (GAAP) | Inventory Step-up | Strategic Business Realignment ⁽⁵⁾ | Other | Comparable Basis (Non- GAAP) | Reported Basis (GAAP) | Inventory Step-up | Strategic Business Realignment ⁽⁵⁾ | Other ⁽⁶⁾ | Comparable Basis (Non- GAAP) | Percent Change - Comparable Basis (Non- GAAP) | Percent Change -Comparable Basis (Non- GAAP) |
| Net Sales | \$ 1,668.4 | | | | \$ 1,668.4 | \$ 1,888.3 | | | | \$ 1,888.3 | (12)% | (12)% |
| Cost of product sold | (1,090.1) | 5.2 | 17.8 | | (1,067.1) | (1,253.5) | 10.6 | 53.9 | 0.1 | (1,188.9) | (13)% | (10)% |
| Gross Profit | 578.3 | 5.2 | 17.8 | - | 601.3 | 634.8 | 10.6 | 53.9 | 0.1 | 699.4 | (9)% | (14)% |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses ("SG&A") | (334.4) | | 23.9 | | (310.5) | (458.7) | | 36.7 | | (422.0) | (27)% | (26)% |
| Impairment of | (334.4) | | 23.7 | | (310.3) | (436.7) | | 30.7 | | (422.0) | (27)/0 | (20)/0 |
| intangible assets | - | | | | - | (21.8) | | 21.8 | | - | NM | N/A |
| Restructuring charges | (22.1) | | 22.1 | | - | (36.0) | | 36.0 | | - | (39)% | N/A |
| Acquisition-related | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| integration costs | (0.1) | | 0.1 | | | (6.1) | | 6.1 | | | NM | N/A |
| Operating Income | 221.7 | 5.2 | 63.9 | - | 290.8 | 112.2 | 10.6 | 154.5 | 0.1 | 277.4 | NM | 5% |
| Equity in earnings of equity method investees | 136.0 | | | | 136.0 | 142.2 | | | 4.1 | 146.3 | (4)% | (7)% |
| EBIT | | | | | 426.8 | | | | | 423.7 | N/A | 1% |
| Interest expense, net | (133.4) | | | | (133.4) | (167.3) | | | | (167.3) | (20)% | (20)% |
| Income Before | | | | | | $\overline{}$ | | | - | | . , | () |
| Income Taxes | 224.3 | 5.2 | 63.9 | _ | 293.4 | 87.1 | 10.6 | 154.5 | 4.2 | 256.4 | NM | 14% |
| (Provision for) benefit from income | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| taxes | (118.1) | (2.0) | 19.4 | _ | (100.7) | (65.2) | (4.0) | (14.6) | _ | (83.8) | NM | 20% |
| | \$ 106.2 | \$ 3.2 | \$ 83.3 | <u>s</u> - | \$ 192.7 | \$ 21.9 | \$ 6.6 | \$ 139.9 | \$ 4.2 | \$ 172.6 | | |
| Net Income | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | | | <u> </u> | | | | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | NM | 12% |
| Diluted Earnings Per Common Share | \$ 0.48 | \$ 0.01 | \$ 0.38 | s - | \$ 0.87 | \$ 0.10 | \$ 0.03 | \$ 0.64 | \$ 0.02 | \$ 0.79 | NM | 10% |
| Weighted Average | === | | | | | | _ | | | | INIVI | 10 /0 |
| Common | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SharesOutstanding | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| - Diluted | 220.274 | 220.274 | 220.274 | 220.274 | 220.274 | 219.828 | 219.828 | 219.828 | 219.828 | 219.828 | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Gross Margin | 34.7% | | | | 36.0% | 33.6% |) | | | 37.0% | | |
| SG&A as a percent | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| of net sales | 20.0% | | | | 18.6% | | | | | 22.3% | | |
| Operating Margin | 13.3% | | | | 17.4% | | | | | 14.7% | | |
| Effective Tax Rate | 52.7% | | | | 34.3% | 74.9% |) | | | 32.7% | | |

Constellation Brands, Inc. and Subsidiaries RECONCILIATIONS OF GAAP TO NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES (continued) NOTES

- (1) The company reports its financial results in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the U.S. ("GAAP"). However, non-GAAP financial measures, as defined in the reconciliation tables above, are provided because management uses this information in evaluating the results of the continuing operations of the company and/or 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. See the tables above for supplemental financial data and corresponding reconciliations of these non-GAAP financial measures to GAAP financial measures for the three months and six months ended August 31, 2009, and August 31, 2008. Non-GAAP financial measures should be viewed in addition to, and not as an alternative for, the company's reported results prepared in accordance with GAAP. Please refer to the company's Web site at http://www.cbrands.com/CBI/investors.htm for more detailed description and further discussion of these non-GAAP financial measures.
- (2) For the three months ended August 31, 2009, strategic business realignment items primarily include costs recognized by the company in connection with the Global Initiative of \$12.5 million, net of a tax benefit of \$6.3 million, and the Fiscal 2007 Wine Plan of \$4.7 million, net of a tax benefit of \$1.1 million. For the three months ended August 31, 2008, strategic business realignment items consist primarily of costs recognized by the company in connection with its Australian Initiative of \$104.0 million, net of a tax benefit of \$0.6 million, and the loss in connection with the sale of a nonstrategic Canadian distilling facility of \$5.1 million, net of a tax benefit of \$2.7 million.
- (3) For the three months ended August 31, 2008, other consists of \$4.1 million, net of a tax benefit of \$0 million, associated with the impairment of an Australian equity method investment.
- (4) In accordance with the antidilution provisions of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 128, "Earnings Per Share" ("SFAS No. 128"), the dilutive impact of potential common shares is excluded from the company's reported diluted weighted average common shares outstanding for the three months ended August 31, 2008. As a result of the company having net income on a comparable basis, the dilutive impact of potential common shares is included in the company's comparable diluted weighted average common shares outstanding.
- (5) For the six months ended August 31, 2009, strategic business realignment items primarily include tax expense associated with the March 2009 divestiture of the value spirits business of \$37.5 million and costs recognized by the company in connection with the Global Initiative of \$33.6 million, net of a tax benefit of \$16.4 million. For the six months ended August 31, 2008, strategic business realignment items consist primarily of costs recognized by the company in connection with the Australian Initiative, of \$104.0 million, net of a tax benefit of \$0.6 million, and the loss in connection with the disposal of the Pacific Northwest wine brands of \$17.1 million, net of a tax benefit of \$6.1 million.
- (6) For the six months ended August 31, 2008, other consists primarily of \$4.1 million, net of a tax benefit of \$0 million, associated with the impairment of an Australian equity method investment.

DEFINITIONS

Global Initiative

The company's plan announced in April 2009 to simplify its business, increase efficiencies and reduce its cost structure on a global basis (the "Global Initiative").

Australian Initiative

The company's plan announced in August 2008 to sell certain assets and implement operational changes designed to improve the efficiencies and returns associated with its Australian business (the "Australian Initiative").

Fiscal 2008 Plan

The company's plan announced in November 2007 to streamline certain of its international operations, primarily in Australia; certain other restructuring charges incurred during the third quarter of fiscal 2008 in connection with the consolidation of certain spirits production processes in the U.S.; and its plan announced in January 2008 to streamline certain of its operations in the U.S., primarily in connection with the restructuring and integration of the operations of Beam Wine Estates, Inc. ("BWE") (collectively, the "Fiscal 2008 Plan").

Fiscal 2007 Wine Plan

The company's plan announced in August 2006 to invest in new distribution and bottling facilities in the U.K. and to streamline certain Australian wine operations (collectively, the "Fiscal 2007 Wine Plan").

Constellation Brands, Inc. and Subsidiaries RECONCILIATIONS OF GAAP TO NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES (continued) GUIDANCE - - DILUTED EARNINGS PER SHARE AND FREE CASH FLOW

(in millions, except per share data)

| Diluted Earnings Per Share Guidance | E1 | Range for the Year Ending February 28, 2010 | | | | | |
|---|----|---|-------------|-----------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Forecasted diluted earnings per share - reported basis (GAAP) | \$ | 0.97 | \$ | 1.07 | | | |
| Inventory step-up | | 0.03 | | 0.03 | | | |
| Strategic business realignment (1) | | 0.60 | | 0.60 | | | |
| Forecasted diluted earnings per share - comparable basis (Non-GAAP) (2) | | | | 1.70 | | | |
| | | | Yea Febr | al for the r Ended uary 28, | | | |
| Diluted earnings per share - reported basis (GAAP) | | | \$ | (1.40) | | | |
| Inventory step-up | | | | 0.06 | | | |
| Strategic business realignment (1) | | | | 0.97 | | | |
| Other (3) | | | | 1.94 | | | |
| Impact of anti-dilutive potential common shares (4) | | | | 0.03 | | | |
| Diluted earnings per share - comparable basis (Non-GAAP) (2) | | | | 1.60 | | | |

- (1) Includes \$0.34, \$0.17, \$0.06 and \$0.03 diluted earnings per share for the year ending February 28, 2010, associated with the Global Initiative; tax expense associated with the March 2009 divestiture of the value spirits business; the Australian Initiative; and other previously announced restructuring plans, respectively. Includes \$0.63, \$0.09, \$0.08, \$0.08, \$0.05, \$0.02 and \$0.02 diluted earnings per share for the year ended February 28, 2009, associated with the Australian Initiative; a loss, primarily on assets held for sale, in connection with the March 2009 divestiture of the value spirits business; a loss in connection with the June 2008 divestiture of the Pacific Northwest wine brands; the Fiscal 2007 Wine Plan; the Fiscal 2008 Plan; a loss in connection with the sale of a Canadian distilling facility; and other previously announced restructuring plans, respectively. (2)
- (2) May not sum due to rounding as each item is computed independently.
- (3) Includes \$1.23, \$0.38, \$0.18 and \$0.15 diluted earnings per share for the year ended February 28, 2009, associated with impairments of certain goodwill and intangible assets; impairments of certain equity method investments; the recognition of income tax expense in connection with the gain on settlement of certain foreign currency economic hedges; and a loss on the adjustment of certain inventory, primarily Australian, related to prior years; respectively. (2)
- (4) In accordance with the antidilution provisions of SFAS No. 128, the dilutive impact of potential common shares is excluded from the company's reported diluted loss per share calculation for the year ended February 28, 2009. As a result of the company having net income on a comparable basis for the year ended February 28, 2009, the dilutive impact of potential common shares is included in the company's comparable diluted earnings per share calculation.

Free Cash Flow Guidance

Free cash flow, as defined in the reconciliation below, is considered a liquidity measure and is considered to provide useful information to investors about the amount of cash generated, which can then be used, after required debt service and dividend payments, for other general corporate purposes. A limitation of free cash flow is that it does not represent the total increase or decrease in the cash balance for the period. Free cash flow should be considered in addition to, not as a substitute for, or superior to, cash flow from operating activities prepared in accordance with GAAP.

| | Range for the Year Ending February 28, 2010 | | | | | |
|--|--|---|---|---------|--|--|
| Net cash provided by operating activities (GAAP) | \$ | 380.0 | \$ | 440.0 | | |
| Purchases of property, plant and equipment | | (150.0) | | (170.0) | | |
| Free cash flow (Non-GAAP) | \$ | 230.0 | \$ | 270.0 | | |
| | | Actual for the Six Months Ended August 31, 2009 | Actual for the Six Months Ended August 31, 2008 | | | |
| Net cash provided by operating activities (GAAP) | \$ | 97.4 | \$ | 176.8 | | |
| Purchases of property, plant and equipment | | (65.1) | | (52.0) | | |
| Free cash flow (Non-GAAP) | \$ | 32.3 | \$ | 124.8 | | |