

Riley H Sanford
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Riley H Sanford

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 MOLSON COORS BREWING CO
 [TAP.A; TAP]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 05/12/2005

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

C/O MOLSON COORS BREWING COMPANY, 311 10TH STREET, NH311

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

GOLDEN, CO 80401-0300

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (D) | Price |
| Class B Common Stock (non-voting) | 05/12/2005 | | A | | 1,500 | A | (4) 1,500 |
| | | | | | | D | |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|---|--|--------------------------------------|--|---------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Class B exchangeable shares of Molson Coors Canada Inc. | (2) | | | | | 02/09/2005 | Class B Common Stock | 8,280 |
| Stock option (right to buy) | (3) | | | | | (3) | Class B Common Stock | 3,168 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Riley H Sanford
C/O MOLSON COORS BREWING COMPANY
311 10TH STREET, NH311
GOLDEN, CO 80401-0300

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Signatures

Annita M. Menogan as agent for H. Sanford
Riley

05/16/2005

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

(1) The Class B exchangeable shares are redeemable by a subsidiary of Molson Coors Brewing Company at any time after February 9, 2045, for Molson Coors Brewing Company Class B Common Stock or, for non-affiliates only, the equivalent value in cash.

(2) The shares are convertible on a 1-for-1 basis.

(3) These options have various exercise prices, grant dates and expiration dates but all of these options are fully vested and immediately exercisable.

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- (4) These shares were issued as a restricted stock unit under the Issuer's Incentive Compensation Plan and shall vest on the third anniversary following the date of grant, subject to acceleration or cancellation upon the occurrence of certain events.

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