

CONSTELLATION BRANDS, INC.

Form 4

April 16, 2009

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
SANDS ROBERT

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
CONSTELLATION BRANDS, INC.
[STZ/STZ.B]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
C/O CONSTELLATION BRANDS,
INC., 207 HIGH POINT DR.,
BLDG. 100

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
04/14/2009

☐ Director ☐ 10% Owner
☒ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)
President & CEO

(Street)
VICTOR, NY 14564

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

(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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Class A Common Stock	04/14/2009		M		128,000	A	\$ 0
Class A Common Stock					28,792 ⁽¹⁾	I	by Spouse
Class A Common Stock					80,928 ⁽¹⁾	I	by LES Holdings LLC ⁽²⁾

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Class A Common Stock	73,800 ⁽¹⁾	I	by MES Holdings LLC ⁽³⁾
Class A Common Stock	1,447,812 ⁽⁴⁾	I	by Partnership ⁽⁵⁾
Class A Common Stock	471,608 ⁽⁴⁾	I	by Partnership ⁽⁶⁾
Class A Common Stock	768 ⁽⁴⁾	I	by Partnership ⁽⁷⁾

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 (Instr. 8)	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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number of Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 6.5	04/14/2009		M		128,000		<u>(8)</u>	04/14/2009	Class A Common Stock	12

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SANDS ROBERT C/O CONSTELLATION BRANDS, INC. 207 HIGH POINT DR., BLDG. 100 VICTOR, NY 14564	X	X	President & CEO	

Signatures

Robert Sands

04/16/2009

__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 reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership with respect to securities held in this manner, and this report shall not be deemed an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of such securities for the purposes of Section 16 or any other purpose.
- (2) LES Holdings LLC is a limited liability company of which the reporting person is the general manager.
- (3) MES Holdings LLC is a limited liability company of which the reporting person is the general manager.
- (4) Except to the extent that the reporting person has a direct or indirect pecuniary interest in securities owned by the applicable trust, partnership or limited liability company, the reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership with respect to securities held in this manner. This report shall not be deemed an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of such securities for the purposes of Section 16 or any other purpose.
- (5) Held by CWC Partnership II, a general partnership of which the reporting person is a trustee of the managing partner and in which he has a pecuniary interest.
- (6) Held by CWC Partnership I, a general partnership of which the reporting person is a managing partner and in which he has a pecuniary interest.
- (7) Held by M, L, R & R ("MLR&R"), a general partnership of which the reporting person is a general partner and in which he has a pecuniary interest. The reporting person is a beneficiary and trustee of The Marvin Sands Master Trust, which is also a partner in MLR&R.
- (8) 100% of this option has become exercisable.

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