

CONSTELLATION BRANDS, INC.

Form 4

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**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 *
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)

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

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

President & CEO

C/O CONSTELLATION BRANDS, INC., 207 HIGH POINT DR., BLDG. 100

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

VICTOR, NY 14564

(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 | (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 Secur (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
|---|--|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Am Nun Sha |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 6.5 | 04/14/2009 | | M | 128,000 | ⁽⁸⁾ | 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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