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## ANHEUSER-BUSCH INBEV RECEIVES A BINDING OFFER FROM ASAHI TO ACQUIRE PART OF SABMILLER'S EUROPEAN BUSINESS

In line with its commitment to proactively address potential regulatory considerations, Anheuser-Busch InBev SA/NV ("AB InBev") (Euronext: ABI) (NYSE: BUD) (MEXBOL: ABI) (JSE: ANB) has been exploring the sale of certain of SABMiller plc's ("SABMiller") European premium brands and their related businesses (excluding certain US rights) and is pleased to confirm that it has received a binding offer from Asahi Group Holdings, Ltd. ("Asahi") to acquire them.

Asahi's offer values the Peroni, Grolsch, and Meantime brand families and associated businesses in Italy, the Netherlands, UK and internationally at EUR 2,550 million on a debt free/cash free basis. The parties will now commence the relevant employee information and consultation processes applicable to a potential sale of these brands and businesses. AB InBev has agreed to a period of exclusivity with Asahi in respect of these brands and businesses while these consultation processes are ongoing.

Asahi's offer, if accepted by AB InBev, is conditional on the successful closing of the recommended acquisition of SABMiller by AB InBev as announced on 11 November 2015, which itself contains certain regulatory pre-conditions and conditions, including approval by the European Commission of Asahi as a purchaser of the Peroni, Grolsch and Meantime brand families and related businesses. AB InBev will make a further announcement upon any formal acceptance by it of Asahi's offer.

Carlos Brito, Chief Executive Officer of AB InBev, said: *"We are pleased to have received this binding offer from Asahi on the Peroni, Grolsch and Meantime brands and businesses - iconic beer brands with longstanding heritage and leading positions in core markets."*

In connection with this transaction, Lazard and Deutsche Bank AG are acting as financial advisors to AB InBev. Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP is acting as legal counsel to AB InBev.

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### About Anheuser-Busch InBev

Anheuser-Busch InBev is a publicly traded company (Euronext: ABI) (MEXBOL: ABI) (JSE: ANB) based in Leuven, Belgium, with American Depositary Receipts on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE: BUD). It is the leading global brewer and one of the world's top five consumer products companies. Beer, the original social network, has been bringing people together for thousands of years and our portfolio of well over 200 beer brands continues to forge strong connections with consumers. This includes global brands Budweiser®, Corona® and Stella Artois®; international brands Beck's®, Leffe®, and Hoegaarden®; and local champions Bud Light®, Skol®, Brahma®, Antarctica®, Quilmes®, Victoria®, Modelo Especial®, Michelob Ultra®, Harbin®, Sedrin®, Klinskoye®, Sibirskaya Korona®, Chernigivske®, Cass®, and Jupiler®. Anheuser-Busch InBev's dedication to quality goes back to a brewing tradition of more than 600 years and the Den Hoorn brewery in Leuven, Belgium, as well as the pioneering spirit of the Anheuser & Co brewery, with origins in St. Louis, USA since 1852. Geographically diversified with a balanced exposure to developed and developing markets, Anheuser-Busch InBev leverages the collective strengths of its approximately 155 000 employees based in 25 countries worldwide. In 2014, AB InBev realized USD 47.1 billion revenue. The company strives to be the Best Beer Company Bringing People Together For a Better World. Learn more at [ab-inbev.com](http://ab-inbev.com), at [facebook.com/ABInBev](https://facebook.com/ABInBev) or on Twitter through [@ABInBevNews](https://twitter.com/ABInBevNews).

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The forward-looking statements should be read in conjunction with the other cautionary statements that are included elsewhere, including AB InBev's most recent Form 20-F, reports furnished on Form 6-K, and any other documents that AB InBev or SABMiller have made public. Any forward-looking statements made in this communication are qualified in their entirety by these cautionary statements, and there can be no assurance that the actual results or developments anticipated by AB InBev will be realized or, even if substantially realized, that they will have the expected consequences to, or effects on, AB InBev or its business or operations. Except as required by law, AB InBev undertakes no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

## **Future SEC Filings and This Filing: Important Information**

In the event that AB InBev and SABMiller implement a transaction relating to the acquisition of SABMiller by AB InBev, AB InBev or Newco (a Belgian limited liability company to be formed for the purposes of such transaction) may be required to file relevant materials with the SEC. Such documents, however, are not currently available. INVESTORS ARE URGED TO READ ANY DOCUMENTS REGARDING SUCH POTENTIAL TRANSACTION IF AND WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE, BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION. Investors will be able to obtain a free copy of such filings without charge, at the SEC's website (<http://www.sec.gov>) once such documents are filed with the SEC. Copies of such documents may also be obtained from AB InBev, without charge, once they are filed with the SEC.

## **Notice to US investors**

US holders of SABMiller shares should note that the steps of any transaction requiring approval by SABMiller shareholders may be implemented under a UK scheme of arrangement provided for under English company law. If so, it is expected that any shares to be issued under the transaction to SABMiller shareholders would be issued in reliance upon the exemption from the registration requirements of the US Securities Act of 1933, provided by Section 3(a)(10) thereof and would be subject to UK disclosure requirements (which are different from those of the United States). The transaction may instead be implemented by way of a takeover offer under English law. If so, any securities to be issued under the transaction to SABMiller shareholders will be registered under the US Securities Act, absent an applicable exemption from registration. If the transaction is implemented by way of UK takeover offer, it will be done in compliance with the applicable rules under the US Exchange Act of 1934, including any applicable exemptions provided under Rule 14d-1(d) thereunder.

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