

CONSTELLATION BRANDS, INC.

Form 8-K

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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) April 8, 2015

CONSTELLATION BRANDS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

001-08495

(Commission  
File Number)

16-0716709

(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

207 High Point Drive, Building 100, Victor, NY 14564

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (585) 678-7100

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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  - 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 April 9, 2015, 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 fourth quarter and fiscal year ended February 28, 2015. A copy of the release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.2 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; 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 better insight on underlying business trends and results in order to evaluate year-over-year financial performance. As such, the following items, including any related income tax effect, are excluded from comparable results, when appropriate: costs (recovery of costs) associated with a voluntary product recall of select packages in the U.S. and Guam containing 12-ounce clear glass bottles of Corona Extra beer that may contain small particles of glass; net loss (gain) on the mark to fair value of undesignated commodity derivative contracts; settlements of undesignated commodity derivative contracts; transaction, integration and other related costs recognized in connection with acquisitions; loss on certain assets in connection with an earthquake in Napa, California; flow through of inventory step-up associated with acquisitions; gain from an adjustment to a certain guarantee originally recorded in connection with a prior divestiture; net gain on the sale of and the write-down of certain property, plant and equipment; prior period adjustment for deferred compensation related to certain employment agreements; restructuring and related charges; certain other selling, general and administrative costs; impairments of certain intangible assets; gain on remeasurement to fair value of an equity method investment; equity method investee’s transaction costs associated with an acquisition; and loss on write-off of financing costs. On June 7, 2013, the Company acquired the remaining 50% interest in Crown Imports LLC which it did not already own, all of the issued and outstanding interests of Compañía Cervecería de Coahuila, S. de R.L. de C.V. and of Servicios Modelo de Coahuila, S. de R.L. de C.V., and an irrevocable, fully paid license to produce in Mexico (or worldwide under certain circumstances) and exclusively import, market and sell the Mexican beer brands sold by Crown Imports LLC in the United States and Guam as of the date of the acquisition and certain extensions (collectively, the “Beer Business Acquisition”). Accordingly, during the indicated period, organic net sales measures exclude the net sales of the Beer Business Acquisition. Constant currency measures exclude the impact of year-over-year currency exchange rate

fluctuations.

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Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.

On April 9, 2015, Constellation Brands, Inc. (“Constellation”) issued a news release regarding the declaration by its Board of Directors of a common stock cash dividend and initiation of a quarterly dividend program, a copy of which release is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference. Also on April 9, 2015, Constellation issued a news release regarding its fourth quarter and fiscal year 2015 results and fiscal 2016 outlook, a copy of which release is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.2 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 releases attached as Exhibit 99.1 and Exhibit 99.2 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. 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.

Item 8.01. Other Events.

On April 8, 2015, the Board of Directors of Constellation Brands, Inc. declared a quarterly cash dividend in the amount of \$0.31 per issued and outstanding share of the Company’s Class A Common Stock, \$0.28 per issued and outstanding share of the Company’s Class B Common Stock and \$0.28 per issued and outstanding share of the Company’s Class 1 Common Stock, in each case payable on May 22, 2015, to stockholders of record of each respective class as of the close of business on May 8, 2015.

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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 exhibits are furnished as part of this Current Report on Form 8-K:

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	News Release of Constellation Brands, Inc. dated April 9, 2015, regarding its initiation of quarterly dividend.
99.2	News Release of Constellation Brands, Inc. dated April 9, 2015, regarding its results for the fiscal quarter and year ended February 28, 2015, and fiscal 2016 outlook.

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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: April 9, 2015

CONSTELLATION BRANDS, INC.

By: /s/ Robert Ryder  
Robert Ryder  
Executive Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer

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INDEX TO EXHIBITS

Exhibit No. Description

(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

Not Applicable.

(99) ADDITIONAL EXHIBITS

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(100) XBRL-RELATED DOCUMENTS

Not Applicable.

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(101) INTERACTIVE DATA FILE

Not Applicable.