

CONSTELLATION BRANDS, INC.

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 *
SANDS RICHARD

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)

Chairman of Board & CEO

C/O CONSTELLATION BRANDS, INC., 370 WOODCLIFF DRIVE, SUITE 300

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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FAIRPORT, NY 14450

(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 | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| Class A Common Stock | 12/15/2006 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | 160,000 | A | \$ 3,3438 | 606,856 | D | |
| Class A Common Stock | | | | | | | 1,433,336 | I | Remainder Interest ⁽²⁾ |
| Class A Common Stock | | | | | | | 768 ⁽³⁾ | I | by Partnership ⁽⁴⁾ |

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|----------------------------|------------------------|---|--|
| Class A Common Stock | 471,608 ⁽³⁾ | I | by Partnership <u>(5)</u> |
| Class A Common Stock | 15,720 ⁽⁶⁾ | I | by Spouse |
| Class A Common Stock | 6,700 ⁽⁶⁾ | I | by Spouse as custodian for daughter under UTMA |
| Class A Common Stock | 6,700 ⁽⁶⁾ | I | by Spouse as custodian for son under UTMA |

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 of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------|-----------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Am Nu Sha |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right to buy) | \$ 3.3438 | 12/15/2006 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | 160,000 | ⁽⁷⁾ | 12/18/2006 | Class A Common Stock | 16 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| | Director 10% Owner Officer Other |

SANDS RICHARD
C/O CONSTELLATION BRANDS, INC. X X Chairman of Board & CEO
370 WOODCLIFF DRIVE, SUITE 300
FAIRPORT, NY 14450

Signatures

Richard Sands 12/19/2006

**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) Effected pursuant to a previously adopted Rule 10b5-1 trading plan.
Remainder interest after the life estate of Marilyn Sands. The life estate terminates on the earlier of (i) 20 years from its commencement (11/13/87) or (ii) Mrs. Sands' death. Marilyn Sands' interest includes the right to receive income from and the power to vote and dispose of the shares subject to the vested beneficial interest of the remaindermen.
- (3) Except to the extent that the reporting person has a direct or indirect pecuniary interest in securities owned by the applicable 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.
- (4) 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.
- (5) 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.
- (6) 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.
- (7) 100% of this option has become exercisable.

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