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Molson Coors Brewing Company
Outlook for MergeCo

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President & Chief Executive Officer
Adolph Coors Company

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Chief Financial Officer
Adolph Coors Company

December 2004

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A Good Deal for Molson & Coors Shareholders

Strong and Stable Platform for Development

Creates Significant Identified Synergies

Secures Coors Light Brand

Most significant growing brand in Molson's portfolio

Significant Revenue Growth Opportunities for MergeCo

Coors Management Team's Strong Track Record

Merger Establishes Balanced Platform in Developed and Emerging Markets

Strong positions in world's highest-margin beer markets

Growth opportunities through underdeveloped regions/brands in mature markets and Brazil

2003 Volume 60M hl

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LTM Net Sales US\$6.2B

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LTM EBITDA US\$1B

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(1) Includes Coors America's and Corporate segments.

(2) Includes Coors Europe segment. LTM = as of September 2004, excluding purchase accounting adjustments, restructure charges and asset impairments.

Strong, geographically diversified company

With Leading Positions in Key Markets

| Country | Top Brand | Rank | All Brands | |
|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|-----------|
| | | | Market Share | Rank |
| Canada | [GRAPHIC] | #1 | 43% | #1 |
| United Kingdom | [GRAPHIC] | #1 | 21% | #2 |
| United States | [GRAPHIC] | #3 | 11% | #3 |
| Brazil | [GRAPHIC] | #3 | 11% | #3 |

Source: Datamonitor and Brewers of Canada (2003)

Strong brands in some of the world's largest beer markets

Ability to Focus Investments on Highest-Margin Sectors: Canada and UK

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Allocation of incremental marketing spend behind growth in high-margin segments, markets and channels

Coors Americas Leverage: 1997-2001 vs. 2003/04

| | 5-Year CAGR ('97- 01) | 2003 | 2004 YTD(1) |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|--------|----------------|
| Volume: | 2.5% | (1.4)% | (2.2)% |
| Pricing: | 1.9% | 1.8% | 2.2% |
| COGS per barrel: | 0.9% | 0.9% | 2.0% |
| MG&A per barrel: | 3.9% | 3.8% | 6.8% |
| Pre-tax income: | 21.4% | 1.0% | 3.2% |

(1) Q3YTD, excluding effect of FN46 accounting rule. Reported pretax: +8.4%. 2004 YTD STRs: (0.7%).

Cost Synergies Drop to Bottom Line

| | Expected Savings (US\$M) | % of Pro Forma Cost Base |
|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Brewery Network Optimization | \$ 60 | 1.1% |
| Procurement Savings | 65 | 1.2 |
| Overhead Reductions | 25 | 0.5 |
| Technology and Other Cost Synergies | 25 | 0.5 |
| Total | \$ 175 million | 3.3% |

Merger synergies are incremental to existing cost savings programs underway at Molson and Coors

Revenue Growth Opportunities

| | |
|----------------------|--|
| Canada | Incremental market investment in Canada; unleash Coors Light Support value entry to regain share and drive volume savings |
| USA | Continue to enhance Coors Light focus/positioning Leverage Molson brands in full US system Expand testing of Marca Bavaria |
| UK | Incremental market investment; opportunity for Molson Lager |
| International | Mexico: Strong FEMSA sales and distribution for Coors Light China: Selective investments in world's largest beer market Japan: High-end Zima profitable and growing Export: Coors Light in seed markets; Bavaria in Australia, NZ |

Additional synergies = more support for critical brands in key markets

Canada Strategy Focus on Light Beer Dominance

U.S. Market Share(1)

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Canadian Market Share(2) 21.4MM HL

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Replicate U.S. experience market grew from 30.6% in 1990 to 46.8% of the market in 13 years.

Based on this experience, we believe the Light Beer market in Canada could grow to 25% over the long-term.

Notes: (1) Source: Beer Marketer s INSIGHTS; includes U.S. consumption only

(2) Source: Coors

Canada Strategy Light Beer Dominance

Strategy

Based on current percentage of Light market (58%), we expect Coors Light could grow from 8.5% (1.82MM HL) of the Canadian market today to 14.5% (3.10MM HL) long-term

Strategy would be to market heavily both Canadian and Coors Light to stabilize Canadian and drive Coors Light share from other domestic brands (principally Labatt Blue) as A-B did with Bud Light and Bud, both of which have dominant U.S. market share of 18.3% and 14.9%, respectively(1)

| Volume Increase | | EBITDA / HL | | Potential EBITDA Generated |
|-----------------|----|-------------|----|----------------------------|
| 1.28MM HL | \$ | 50 | \$ | 64MM |

Notes: (1) Source: Beer Marketer s INSIGHTS

U.S. Strategy Cost & Revenue Enhancement

Cost Savings

Plant Efficiencies

Distribution

Packaging and Materials

\$100MM EBITDA over five years

Revenue Strategy

Improved Sales focus and resources (chains and on-premise)

Refined Marketing strategy

Distribution improvements: consolidation and best practices

Goal is to improve Coors volume by 1-2% over the market (2-3% increase in Coors volume per year)

| % Volume Increase | Potential EBITDA Generated | EBITDA over 5 years |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 2-3% | \$22MM - \$33MM | \$110MM - \$165MM |

Potential Financial Upside

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\$477MM in EBITDA available for both reinvestment and shareholder return

Shareholder Return Focused

U.K. Experience

Purchased Carling in 2002 for US\$1.7BN (8.0x 2002 EBITDA)

Improved market share from 18.8% in 2001 to 20.6% LTM

Proven track record of improved market volume and share in a declining U.K. market

EBITDA has improved from US\$207MM in 2001 to US\$232MM in 2003

Coors has demonstrated it can effectively integrate and manage a complex global enterprise

Shareholder value creation of US\$155MM (\$4.14 per Coors share)(1)

Note: (1) Based on current EV / EBITDA multiple of 6.2x and total shares outstanding of 37.4MM

Shareholder Return Focused

Total Shareholder Return 10 Years(1)

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Total Return Summary 10 Years(1)

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Note: (1) Data source: Bloomberg; total return calculations based on reinvestment of gross dividends

EPS Growth (10 Year CAGR)(2)

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Coors Americas Gross Margins

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Note: (2) EPS based on fully diluted earnings per share excluding special charges

Cash and Debt Discipline Drives Returns

Cash Flow Growth (10 Year CAGR)(1)

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Cash Flow Growth (5 Year CAGR)(1)

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Debt Repayments Since 2002 CBL Acquisition

| | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|--------------|
| Sources: | | |
| Operating cash flow | \$ | 1,214MM |
| Asset monetization | \$ | 104MM |
| Other (settlement) | \$ | 25MM |
| Uses: | | |
| Capital spending | \$ | (596MM) |
| Dividends, option exercise net | \$ | (12MM) |
| Total 32-month debt repayment | \$ | 735MM |

Note: (1) Cash flow from operations before changes in working capital excluding special charges

Independent, Balanced Board

**Molson
Independent**

**Chairman
Eric Molson**

**Coors
Independent**

**Molson
Independent**

Office of Synergies & Integration

**Coors
Independent**

**Molson
Independent**

**Vice Chairman
D. J. O Neill**

**CEO
Leo Kiely**

**Coors
Independent**

**Molson
Family**

**Elected
Independent**

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**Peter Coors

Coors
Family**

Independent board: 15 members, 9 independent, 6 insiders

Corporate Governance

Currently, Coors Family Trust has 100% of voting stock and elects all directors

In the merger with Molson, the Coors Trust is agreeing to give up its current absolute voting control in order for Coors to obtain the benefits to all shareholders from the synergies the merger will produce.

New Board is balanced 15 members, of which 9 must be independent:

5 nominated by the Coors Trust (3 must be independent)

5 nominated by the Molson family (3 must be independent)

3 elected by non-voting shareholders (must be independent)

Leo Kiely CEO

Daniel O Neill Vice Chairman, Synergies and Integration

All members of the Audit Committee and Compensation Committee will meet the independence requirements of the NYSE

Coors Class B non-voting shareholders will acquire a right they currently do not have to separately elect three directors (with the Molson non-voting shareholders)

Currently, the Coors Trust controls the Company. Under the merger, the Coors Trust (and the Molson Family, as well) will have no positive power to control the new company.

The Coors Trust and Molson family, each can (a) nominate only a third (5 directors) of the Board (3 who must be independent) and (b) only exercise veto power over limited major actions requiring shareholder vote:

Mergers

Sale of substantially all assets

Sale of U.S. or Canadian businesses

Increase in number of authorized A shares

Current Coors and Molson non-voting shareholders will post-merger have right to vote separately as a class on :

Mergers

Sale of substantially all assets

Amendment of Certificate of Incorporation that would:

Increase or decrease in number of authorized B shares

Change the rights of B shares

Split or reverse split of shares

Increase the rights of any other class of shares or create a class with superior rights

No minimum ownership required to nominate directors by Class B shareholders

Coattail rights: Coors current Class B non-voting shareholders will acquire the right to receive the same monetary consideration as the Coors Trust and Molson family in the event of a sale of the new company.

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Coors Management Team's Strong Track Record

**Molson and Coors control groups recognize the need for scale and aim
to participate in the consolidation of the global beer industry**

Supplemental Information

Financial Strength and Flexibility Drives Growth in Revenue, Profits and Returns

| (US\$M) | Molson | Coors | LTM Combined Pre-synergies | \$175M Synergies |
|------------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| Net sales | 1,974 | 4,201 | 6,175 | 6,175 |
| EBIT | 356 | 332 | 688 | 863 |
| Margin | 18.1% | 7.9% | 11.1% | 14.0% |
| EBITDA | 408 | 594 | 1,002 | 1,177 |
| Margin | 20.6% | 14.1% | 16.2% | 19.1% |
| Net income | 185 | 177 | 362 | 475(1) |
| Free cash flow* | 344 | 383 | 726 | 901 |

LTM = Latest 12 months, as of September 30, 2004

CAD/USD exchange rate of 1.265

* EBITDA - Capex

(1) Synergies taxed at 35%

Excludes purchase accounting adjustments, restructure charges and asset impairments.

Low Leverage Provides Molson Coors the Financial Flexibility to Grow

| (US\$M) | | Molson | | Coors | | Combined |
|--|-----------|----------------|-----------|----------------|-----------|----------------|
| Cash | \$ | 14.8 | \$ | 92.5 | \$ | 107.3 |
| Total current assets | \$ | 295.8 | \$ | 1,121.9 | \$ | 1,417.7 |
| PP&E | | 783.6 | | 1,396.8 | | 2,180.4 |
| Total assets | \$ | 2,857.1 | \$ | 4,476.6 | \$ | 7,333.7 |
| Total current liabilities | \$ | 858.3 | \$ | 1,124.5 | \$ | 1,982.8 |
| Total debt | | 784.9 | | 1,064.0 | | 2,164.9(1) |
| Minority interests | | 62.4 | | 32.2 | | 94.6 |
| Shareholders equity | | 888.9 | | 1,512.7 | | 2,085.5(1) |
| Total liabilities and shareholders equity | \$ | 2,857.1 | \$ | 4,476.6 | \$ | 7,333.7 |

As of September 30, 2004

CAD/USD exchange rate of 1.265

Excludes purchase accounting adjustments and restructuring charges

(1) Total debt includes and shareholders equity excludes special dividend of US\$316
