

ANHEUSER-BUSCH COMPANIES, INC.  
Form 8-K  
December 20, 2006

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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) December 20, 2006

ANHEUSER-BUSCH COMPANIES, INC.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	1-7823 (Commission File Number)	43-1162835 (IRS Employer Identification No.)
One Busch Place, (Address of principal executive offices)	St. Louis, Missouri	63118 (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 314-577-2000

NONE

(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 obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
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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 8.01 Other Events.

On December 20, 2006, Registrant issued a press release announcing a new leverage target and a new 100 million shareholder repurchase program.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

Exhibit 99 - Press Release issued by Registrant dated December 20, 2006, announcing a new leverage target and shareholder repurchase program.

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.

ANHEUSER-BUSCH COMPANIES, INC.  
(Registrant)

BY:                   /s/ John F. Kelly  
                          John F. Kelly  
                          Vice President and Controller

DATE: December 20, 2006

Exhibit No. Description

99      Press Release issued by Registrant dated December 20, 2006, announcing a new leverage target and shareholder repurchase program.