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**哈爾濱啤酒集團有限公司**  
**HARBIN BREWERY GROUP LIMITED**

*(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)*

**(Stock Code: 0249)**

**ANNOUNCEMENT THAT COMPANY WILL NOT BE POSTING  
A RESPONSE DOCUMENT IN RESPECT OF SABMILLER OFFER**

**The Company will not be despatching a response document in respect of the SABMiller Offer.**

**The Company intends to send its response to the Anheuser-Busch Offer to the Company's shareholders at the same time that Anheuser-Busch posts its offer document.**

**Shareholders and investors should exercise caution when dealing in the shares of the Company.**

The directors of Harbin Brewery Group Limited (the "Company"), other than Messrs. Roy E. Bagattini and Jonathan F. Solesbury (being the representatives of SABMiller plc on the board of the Company) (the "Board"), refer to the Company's announcement dated 3 June 2004 regarding the withdrawal of the conditional voluntary offer announced by SABMiller plc on 4 May 2004 (the "SABMiller Offer").

In accordance with the statement made by the Company in such announcement, the Company made an application to the Executive of the Securities and Futures Commission (the "Executive") seeking its consent that no response document of the Company in respect of the SABMiller Offer would need to be despatched to shareholders of the Company by 7 June 2004 as otherwise required pursuant to Rule 8.4 of the Hong Kong Code on Takeovers and Mergers.

The Board now announces that the Executive has granted its consent to the above and accordingly the Company will not be despatching a response document in respect of the SABMiller Offer.

In respect of the mandatory cash offer to be made on behalf of Anheuser-Busch Hong Kong Investment Company, Limited as announced by Anheuser-Busch Companies, Inc. ("Anheuser-Busch") on 1 June 2004 (the "Anheuser-Busch Offer"), the Company intends to send its response document to the Company's shareholders at the same time that Anheuser-Busch posts its offer document to the Company's shareholders.

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By Order of the Board  
**Harbin Brewery Group Limited**  
**LAM Pong Sui**  
Company Secretary

Hong Kong, 7 June 2004

*As at the date of this announcement, the executive directors are: Messrs. Li Wentao, Lo Peter, Fu Hui, Au Peter Jeva and Bao Liusuo; the non-executive directors are: Dr Tong Kay Tak Tom, Mr Zhu Wenwei, Mr Roy E. Bagattini and Mr Jonathan F. Solesbury; the independent non-executive directors are: Dr Sit Fung Shuen Victor and Mr Sam Zuchowski.*

*Other than Messrs. Roy E. Bagattini and Jonathan F. Solesbury who have a conflict of interest as a result of being directors of the Company and representatives of SABMiller plc, the directors of the Company jointly and severally accept full responsibility for the accuracy of the information contained in this announcement and confirm, having made all reasonable inquiries, that to the best of their knowledge, the opinions expressed in this announcement have been arrived at after due and careful consideration and there are no other facts not contained in this announcement, the omission of which would make any statement in this announcement misleading.*

Please also refer to the published version of this announcement in South China Morning Post.