## Harbin Brewery Group Limited ("Harbin"): offer by SABMiller PRC (Holdings) Limited an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of SABMiller plc ("SABMiller")

Following the announcement by Anheuser-Busch dated 1 June 2004 stating that it will offer HK\$5.58 per share for Harbin, the Executive Director of the Corporate Finance Division of the Securities and Futures Commission has consented to ABN AMRO Bank N.V. disposing of shares in Harbin subject to complying with the Code in all respects, in particular the provisions of Rule 21.2 of the Code.

## Shareholdings of parties affiliated with ABN AMRO Asia Corporate Finance Limited ("ABN AMRO"), joint financial adviser to SABMiller

Reference is made to SABMiller's offer document dated 24 May, 2004 (the "Offer Document") and the subsequent announcement dated 3 June, 2004 indicating SABMiller's intention to accept the competing offer for Harbin announced by Anheuser-Busch Companies, Inc. ("Anheuser-Busch") on 1 June, 2004 (the "Competing Offer") and its intention to withdraw its own offer. ABN AMRO Bank N.V. (which is an entity connected with ABN AMRO, joint financial adviser to SABMiller, for the purposes of the Hong Kong Code on Takeovers and Mergers (the "Code")) holds 1,986,000 shares in Harbin as disclosed on pages 20 to 22 of SABMiller's Offer Document. In view of the Competing Offer and SABMiller's intention to withdraw its offer, the Executive Director of the Corporate Finance Division of the Securities and Futures Commission has consented to ABN AMRO Bank N.V. disposing of such shares on 10 June, 2004 or thereafter, if it so wishes, subject to complying with the provisions of the Code.

For and on behalf of
ABN AMRO Asia Corporate Finance Limited
John Moore

Executive Director

8 June, 2004 Hong Kong

The directors of ABN AMRO 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, 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 the (South China Morning Post)