

ANHEUSER-BUSCH COMPANIES, INC.

Form 4

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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 *
Lachky Robert C

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
ANHEUSER-BUSCH COMPANIES, INC. [BUD]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
ONE BUSCH PLACE
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/23/2004

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Strategy Committee Member

ST. LOUIS, MO 63118-1852

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
____ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V Amount (A) or (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock (\$1 par value) | 12/23/2004 | | S | 307 D \$ 50.73 | 0 | I | By daughter |
| Common Stock (\$1 par value) | 12/23/2004 | | S | 633 D \$ 50.72 | 0 | I | By son |
| Common Stock (\$1 par value) | | | | | 24,065 | D | |
| Common Stock (\$1 par value) | | | | | 767 | I | By daughter |

par value)

| | | | |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|---|-------------------|
| Common Stock (\$1 par value) | 760 | I | By daughter |
| Common Stock (\$1 par value) | 8,469 ⁽¹⁾ | I | By 401(K) Plan |

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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | |
|---|--|---|---|--------------------------------------|--|--|---|---|--|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Phantom Stock Units | ⁽²⁾ | | | | | ⁽³⁾ | ⁽³⁾ | Common Stock | ⁽³⁾ |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Lachky Robert C ONE BUSCH PLACE ST. LOUIS, MO 63118-1852 | | | Strategy Committee Member | |

Signatures

Laura H. Reeves, Attorney-in-Fact for Robert C.
Lachky

12/23/2004

**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) Based on the latest plan statement as of September 28, 2004.

(2) Each phantom share represents the value of one actual share of Common Stock.

(3) Represents reporting person's interest in phantom shares of Anheuser-Busch Companies, Inc. resulting from participation in the Anheuser-Busch 401(k) Restoration Plan. Phantom shares have no exercise feature nor any expiration date.

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