



- 4 The Liquor Control Act defines a Distributor and Importing Distributor as a person "other than a non-resident dealer." 235 ILCS 5/1-3.15, 235 ILCS 5/1-3.16.
- 5 The Liquor Control Act does not specifically allow a Non-resident Dealer to also be a Distributor.
- 6 In this case, Anheuser-Busch Inc., a Non-resident Dealer and through its affiliate, WEDCO, has held a 30% interest in CITY Beverage since 2005.

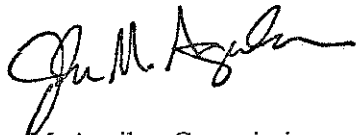
Therefore, the Illinois Liquor Control Commission DECLARES:

- A. Based on the law, AB Inc., and its affiliates are currently on notice that the Liquor Control Act prohibits an Illinois licensed Non-resident Dealer from possessing an ownership interest in a licensed Illinois distributor. If CITY Beverage should notify the Illinois Liquor Control Commission per ILCC Rule 100.100 that AB Inc, WEDCO or any of its affiliates has purchased any additional interest in CITY Beverage, then the ILCC will consider CITY Beverage licenses to be held in violation of the Liquor Control Act and the licenses will be subject to revocation or refused renewal.

**Votes in Favor of Declaration A**



Stephen B. Schnorf, Acting Chairman



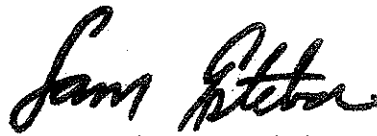
John M. Aguilar, Commissioner



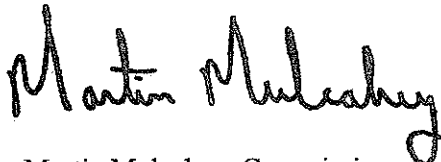
Daniel J. Downes, Commissioner



Michael F. McMahon, Commissioner



Sam Esteban, Commissioner



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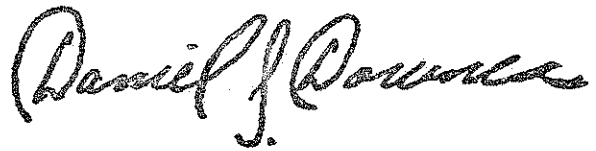
**The Illinois Liquor Control Commission additionally DECLARES:**

B. Based on the facts of this case, it has been determined that AB Inc., through its affiliate WEDCO has owned a 30% interest in CITY Beverage since 2005. The Illinois Liquor Control Commission will renew said CITY Beverage distributors licenses upon their expiration and as currently owned absent any other license disqualifying factors. This factual determination is limited solely to the history and facts surrounding this case and will have no bearing on future legal declarations or rulings of the Illinois Liquor Control Commission.

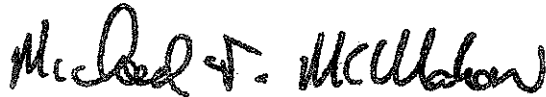
**Votes in Favor of Declaration B**



Stephen B. Schnorf, Acting Chairman



Daniel J. Downes, Commissioner



Michael F. McMahon, Commissioner



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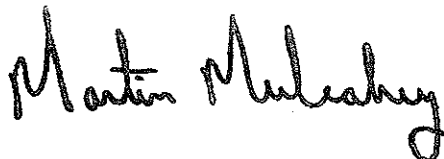
**Votes in Opposition to Declaration B**



John M. Aguilar, Commissioner



Sam Esteban, Commissioner



Martin Mulcahey, Commissioner

**THIS IS A DECLARTORY RULING OF THE ILLINOIS LIQUOR CONTROL  
COMMISSION AND IS NOT SUBJECT TO APPEAL PER 235 ILCS 100/5-150 OF THE  
ILLINOIS ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT**

ENTERED before the Illinois Liquor Control Commission at Chicago, Illinois, on March 10,  
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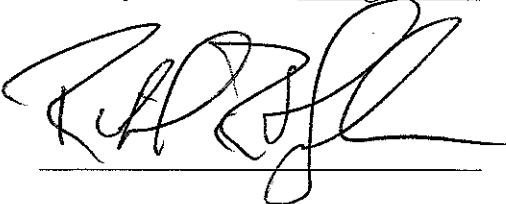
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Lydia Marucco, Secretary

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COUNTY OF COOK        )

The undersigned certifies that a copy of the foregoing ruling has been sent via email on 3/10/2010 to attorneys of record at [ibahr@aol.com](mailto:ibahr@aol.com) and [jnicolay@nicolaydart.com](mailto:jnicolay@nicolaydart.com) and [al.hogan@skadden.com](mailto:al.hogan@skadden.com).



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