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CARLSBERG A/S ("CARLSBERG") AND HEINEKEN N.V. ("HEINEKEN") - POSTING OF RECOMMENDED SCHEME DOCUMENT TO SCOTTISH & NEWCASLE PLC ("S&N") SHAREHOLDERS

On 25 January 2008, the boards of S&N and Sunrise Acquisitions Limited (a company jointly owned by Carlsberg and Heineken), announced that they had reached agreement on the terms of a recommended acquisition of S&N at a price of 800 pence in cash for each S&N share, valuing the entire issued and to be issued share capital of S&N at approximately £7.8 billion.

Carlsberg and Heineken (together the "Consortium") note the announcement today by S&N that the Scheme Document regarding the recommended acquisition of S&N by Sunrise Acquisitions Limited has been posted to S&N Shareholders.

The document will be available on www.scottish-newcastle.com

The offer is subject to the approval of the European Commission and certain other competition authorities. Subject to these and other required approvals and conditions as set out in the Scheme Document, it is expected that the Scheme will become effective on 28 April 2008.

Expected timetable of principal events:

Court Meeting and Extraordinary General Meeting of S&N Monday 31 March 2008

First Court Hearing (to sanction the Scheme) Wednesday 23 April 2008

Second Court Hearing and Effective Date of the Scheme Monday 28 April 2008

Latest date for dispatch of cheques/issue of loan notes 14 days after the Effective Date

Unless the context otherwise requires, terms defined in the announcement dated 25 January 2008 have the same meaning in this announcement.

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A disclosure table, giving details of the companies in whose "relevant securities" "dealings" should be disclosed, and the number of such securities in issue, can be found on the Takeover Panel's website at www.thetakeoverpanel.org.uk.

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