

ANHEUSER-BUSCH COMPANIES, INC.

Form 4

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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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



## Explanation of Responses:

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\*\* 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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