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## **ANNOUNCEMENT**

Re: The parent company of Sun Interbrew Plc announces non-binding agreement for the merger of Russian and Ukrainian business with Anadolu Efes

Anheuser-Busch InBev ("AB InBev") (Euronext: ABI) (NYSE: BUD) (MEXBOL: ANB) (JSE: ANH), the parent company and ultimate controlling party of Sun Interbrew Plc and of the Russian registered JSC SUN InBev, announced that it has reached a non-binding agreement with Anadolu Efes (IST: AEFES), the leading brewer in Turkey, regarding a 50:50 merger of AB InBev's and Anadolu Efes' existing Russia and Ukraine businesses.

The announcement of this non-binding agreement follows AB InBev's acquisition of a 24% stake in Anadolu Efes as part of the company's combination with SABMiller, which completed in October 2016. The transaction remains conditional on the completion of satisfactory due diligence and is subject to regulatory approvals in Russia and Ukraine.

This intended combination of the companies' operations in Russia and Ukraine would strengthen the competitive position of both AB InBev's and Anadolu Efes' brands in these markets, with the potential for further growth. The combined business' ambitions would be to lead the Russian and Ukrainian markets, with a diverse portfolio of brands and a broader range of beers for consumers. In addition, the combination would enhance AB InBev's existing relationship with Anadolu Efes and the value of its stake in Anadolu Efes.

The name of the combined company would be AB InBev-Efes and both AB InBev and Anadolu Efes would have equal representation on the Board of Directors, with Tuncay Özilhan, current Chairman of the Anadolu Group and Anadolu Efes, serving as the Chairman.

Both AB InBev and Anadolu Efes have agreed in principle to the nomination of Dmitry Shpakov, the current president of the AB InBev Russia and Ukraine business units and a Director of Sun Interbrew Plc, as the CEO candidate to lead and run the combined AB InBev-Efes business, and to the nomination of Roy Cornish, the current General Manager of Efes-Rus, as its CFO candidate.

Both AB InBev and Anadolu Efes will work towards agreeing binding transaction documents in due course and further announcements will be made as the process progresses. AB InBev anticipates that the transaction could complete by the end of H1 2018. Until completion of the transaction, both AB InBev and Anadolu Efes' businesses in Russia and Ukraine remain separate and continue business as usual.

The legal form and structure of the participation of Sun Interbrew Plc in the intended combination of the companies' operations in Russia and Ukraine is yet to be decided; and announcements will be made as necessary in line with relevant legislation and stock exchange rules.

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