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### **Update on acquisition of Scottish & Newcastle plc**

Amsterdam, 31 March 2008 - Heineken N.V. and Carlsberg A/S note the attached announcement made today by Scottish & Newcastle plc.

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