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June 30, 2006

Hu Wallis
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Dear Mr. Wallis:

Attached is the Liquor Distribution Branch's audited statement of deposits received and refunds paid as required by section 8(2)(f)(i) of the Recycling Regulation.

Yours sincerely,

Gord Hall
Director Corporate Policy

Attachment



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June 27, 2006

Mr. Gord Hall
Director, Corporate Policy
Liquor Distribution Branch
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Dear Mr. Hall,

I take pleasure in forwarding to you two copies (one unbound) of the schedule of Deposits and Refunds by Container Type, for the year ended March 31, 2006, together with the auditor's report.

Yours truly,

Russ Jones, CA, MBA
Assistant Auditor General

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Enclosures

British Columbia Liquor Distribution Branch
Deposits and Refunds by Container Type
For the year ended March 31, 2006



Report of the
Office of the Auditor General
of British Columbia

*To the Director, Environmental Management Branch,
Ministry of Environment,
Province of British Columbia:*

At the request of the British Columbia Liquor Distribution Branch, we have audited the schedule of *Deposits and Refunds by Container Type* for the year ended March 31, 2006 calculated in accordance with section 8(2)(f)(i) of the *Recycling Regulation* and the interpretation thereof. Under the Branch's interpretation of section 4 of schedule 1 of the Regulation, information pertaining to beverage containers made from plastic materials is reported for two sizes and one category of plastic material, although the regulation stipulates three sizes for two categories of plastic material. Furthermore, aluminum beverage container information is not reported in this schedule since the information is included in the annual report prepared by Brewers Distributors Ltd. This financial information is the responsibility of the management of the British Columbia Liquor Distribution Branch. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this financial information based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial information is free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial information. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial information.

In our opinion, this schedule, when read together with the information set out in the introductory paragraph, presents fairly, in all material respects, the *Deposit and Returns by Container Type* for the year ended March 31, 2006 in accordance with the provisions of section 8(2)(f)(i) of the *Recycling Regulation* and the interpretation thereof referred to above.

Victoria, British Columbia
June 21, 2006

Errol S. Price, CA
Deputy Auditor General

Deposits and Refunds by Container Type
Year Ended March 31, 2006


Container (type & size)	Deposit and Refund (\$)	Sales (units)	Deposits Received (\$)	Returns (units)	Refunds Paid (\$)	Recovery Rate (%)
Glass - wine & spirits						
Less than or equal to 1 litre	0.10	61,542,539	6,154,254	53,310,534	5,331,053	87%
Greater than 1 litre	0.20	11,673,075	2,334,615	10,214,941	2,042,988	88%
		<u>73,215,614</u>	<u>8,488,869</u>	<u>63,525,475</u>	<u>7,374,042</u>	<u>87%</u>
Glass - non-refillable beer, cider, cooler						
Less than or equal to 1 litre	0.10	94,971,626	9,497,163	88,164,686	8,816,469	93%
Greater than 1 litre	0.20	705,466	141,093	569,401	113,880	81%
		<u>95,677,092</u>	<u>9,638,256</u>	<u>88,734,087</u>	<u>8,930,349</u>	<u>93%</u>
Plastic						
Less than or equal to 1 litre	0.10	7,432,897	743,290	5,664,605	566,461	76%
Greater than 1 litre	0.20	3,036,095	607,219	2,804,125	560,825	92%
		<u>10,468,992</u>	<u>1,350,509</u>	<u>8,468,730</u>	<u>1,127,286</u>	<u>81%</u>
Bag in box						
Greater than 1 litre	0.20	<u>1,634,764</u>	<u>326,953</u>	<u>700,813</u>	<u>140,163</u>	<u>43%</u>
		<u>180,996,462</u>	<u>19,804,586</u>	<u>161,429,105</u>	<u>17,571,839</u>	<u>89%</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this schedule.

Approved:



Gordon Hall
 Director, Corporate Policy



Roger Bissoondatt
 Executive Director, Finance

Deposits and Refunds by Container Type
Year Ended March 31, 2006

Notes

1. Purpose of Deposits and Refunds by Container Type Schedule

The Deposits and Refunds by Container Type schedule has been prepared to comply with section 8(2)(f)(i) of the *Recycling Regulation* (Regulation). The Regulation requires the annual reporting of deposits received and refunds paid by container type.

All of the containers covered by the LDB's Stewardship Plan are included in this schedule with the exception of cans.

2. Container Types

The containers included in this report fall under the following four categories:

Glass – wine & spirits

This category includes glass wine and spirit containers of all sizes

Glass – non-refillable beer, cider & cooler

This category includes non-refillable glass beer, cider and cooler containers for all sizes.

Plastic

This category includes wine, spirit, beer, cider and cooler plastic containers of all sizes.

Bag in Box

The containers included in this category consist of bag in box which is a cardboard container enclosing an inner bag containing the alcohol.

3. Financial Information

The information provided in each column of the schedule is explained below:

Deposit and Refund Rate (\$)

The deposit rates are as established by the Regulation. The deposit and refund rate is \$0.10 for containers less than or equal to one litre and \$0.20 for containers greater than one litre.

Deposits and Refunds by Container Type
Year Ended March 31, 2006

Sales (units)

The gross sales are determined at the point of sale and include the daily counter sales of all the Government Liquor Stores and all liquor purchases made by authorized liquor retailers and licensees (pubs and restaurants).

Deposits Received (\$)

The deposits are determined and collected at the point of sale. The calculation is based on multiplying the deposit and refund rate by the number of units sold for each of the various product lines.

Returns (units)

The returns are determined at the point in time when the container return is reported to the LDB. Returns can be made at either an LDB-controlled outlet or any of the various types of outlets that are authorized to accept containers for a refund.

Refunds Paid (\$)

The refunds are determined at the time containers are returned to an authorized location. The calculation is based on multiplying the deposit and refund rate by the number of units returned for each of the various product lines.

Recovery Rate (%)

The recovery rate is arrived at by dividing the number of containers returned for a refund in a given period by the number of containers for which a deposit was collected in the same period.