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**CROWN IMPORTS' JIM RYAN NAMED NABI CHAIRMAN**

CHICAGO – April 2009 – Jim Ryan has been elected Chairman of the Board of Directors of the National Association of Beverage Importers (NABI), a national alcohol beverage trade association headquartered in Washington, DC. Founded in 1933, NABI is the oldest trade association in the US, serving the alcohol beverage industry. Jim was previously head of NABI's executive committee from March 2007 through March 2009.

Jim is the executive vice president of Corporate Communications for Chicago-based Crown Imports LLC. He joined Barton Beers, Ltd., the predecessor of Crown Imports, in June of 1988, as Director of Administration. Jim's career in the beer industry began in the late 1970's with Anheuser-Busch, Inc. He also worked for the Pabst Brewing Company and G. Heileman Brewing Company in senior-level field sales management positions.

In his position as Chairman, Jim will be responsible for overseeing that NABI's mission is carried out and members' interests are protected and addressed relative to regulatory and policy matters.

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**About Crown Imports LLC**

Crown Imports LLC is a joint venture that imports, distributes and markets the Modelo portfolio and other fine beer brands across the entire U.S. The Modelo portfolio includes Corona Extra, the #1 imported beer in the U.S. and #6 beer overall, Corona Light, Modelo Especial, Negra Modelo and Pacifico beer brands. Crown also imports the St. Pauli Girl and Tsingtao beer brands in the U.S. For more information, visit [www.crownimportsllc.com](http://www.crownimportsllc.com)

Crown Imports is a 50-50 joint venture between Grupo Modelo, S.A. de C.V. (MX: GMODELLOC), Mexico's leading company in the brewing, distribution and sale of beer, and Constellation Brands, Inc. (NYSE: STZ, ASX: CBR), a leading international beverage alcohol producer, importer and marketer.

**About National Association of Beverage Importers (NABI)**

NABI is a national trade association representing the interests of beer, wine and spirit importers at state and federal levels, keeping its membership informed of fast-changing U.S. import rules and regulations, as well as the maze of international policies that affect importers. NABI's member beer companies represent 95% of all beer imported into the U.S. today.