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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
Washington, DC 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): January 22, 2014**

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**Beam Inc.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

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**Delaware**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

**1-9076**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**13-3295276**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**510 Lake Cook Road**  
**Deerfield, IL 60015**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

**(847) 948-8888**  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- ☐ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  - ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.**

The Registrant is furnishing its press release dated January 22, 2014 announcing the declaration of a regular dividend on the Company's common stock. The press release is included in this report as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference. Pursuant to general instruction B.2 to Form 8-K, the information furnished pursuant to Item 7.01 shall not be deemed to be "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Exchange Act or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section.

**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

See "Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure" above.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release of Beam Inc. dated January 22, 2014.

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**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

BEAM INC.  
(Registrant)

Date: January 22, 2014

By: /s/ Kenton R. Rose  
Name: Kenton R. Rose  
Title: Senior Vice President, General Counsel & Chief Administrative  
Officer and Secretary

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## EXHIBIT INDEX

**Exhibit  
Number**

**Description**

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99.1	Press Release of Beam Inc. dated January 22, 2014.
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## News Release



**Beam Inc.**  
510 Lake Cook Road  
Deerfield, Illinois 60015-4964  
[www.beamglobal.com](http://www.beamglobal.com)

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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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### BEAM DECLARES REGULAR DIVIDEND

Deerfield, Illinois, January 22, 2014 – Beam Inc. (NYSE: BEAM), a leading global premium spirits company, today declared a regular dividend of 22.5 cents per share on the company's common stock, payable in cash on March 3, 2014 to stockholders of record at the close of business on February 6, 2014.

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#### About Beam Inc.

As one of the world's leading premium spirits companies, Beam is Crafting the Spirits that Stir the World. Consumers from all corners of the globe call for the company's brands, including Jim Beam Bourbon, Maker's Mark Bourbon, Sauza Tequila, Pinnacle Vodka, Canadian Club Whisky, Courvoisier Cognac, Teacher's Scotch Whisky, Skinnygirl Cocktails, Cruzan Rum, Homitos Tequila, Knob Creek Bourbon, Laphroaig Scotch Whisky, Kilbeggan Irish Whiskey, Larios Gin, Whisky NYC and DeKuyper Cordials. Beam is focused on delivering superior performance with its unique combination of scale with agility and a strategy of Creating Famous Brands, Building Winning Markets and Fueling Our Growth. Beam and its 3,400 passionate associates worldwide generated 2012 sales of \$2.5 billion (excluding excise taxes), volume of 38 million 9-liter equivalent cases and some of the industry's fastest growing innovations.

Headquartered in Deerfield, Illinois, Beam is traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the ticker symbol BEAM and is included in the S&P 500 Index and the MSCI World Index. For more information on Beam, its brands, and its commitment to social responsibility, please visit [www.beamglobal.com](http://www.beamglobal.com) and [www.drinksmart.com](http://www.drinksmart.com).

#### Additional Information and Where to Find It

This communication may be deemed to be solicitation material in respect of the proposed acquisition of Beam by Suntory Holdings Limited announced on January 13, 2014. In connection with the proposed transaction, Beam intends to file relevant materials with the SEC, including a proxy statement on Schedule 14A. SECURITY HOLDERS OF BEAM ARE URGED

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TO READ ALL RELEVANT DOCUMENTS FILED WITH THE SEC, INCLUDING BEAM'S PROXY STATEMENT, BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROPOSED TRANSACTION. Investors and security holders will be able to obtain the documents free of charge at the SEC's web site, [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov), and may obtain documents filed by Beam free of charge from Beam's website ([www.beamglobal.com](http://www.beamglobal.com)) under the tab "Investors" and then under the heading "Investor Info—SEC Documents." In addition, the proxy statement and other documents filed by Beam with the SEC (when available) may be obtained from Beam free of charge by directing a request to Beam Inc., Office of the Secretary, 510 Lake Cook Road, Deerfield, Illinois 60015 or (847) 948-8888.

#### **Participants in Solicitation**

Beam and its directors and executive officers may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from the holders of Beam common stock in respect of the proposed transaction. Security holders may obtain information regarding Beam and its directors and executive officers, including their respective names, affiliations and interests, in Beam's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2012, which was filed with the SEC on February 26, 2013, and its definitive proxy statement for its 2013 annual meeting of stockholders, which was filed with the SEC on March 12, 2013. To the extent holdings of Beam securities have changed since the amounts contained in the definitive proxy statement for the 2013 Annual Meeting, such changes have been or will be reflected on Statements of Change in Ownership on Form 4 filed with the SEC. Investors may obtain additional information regarding the interest of such participants by reading the proxy statement regarding the proposed transaction when it becomes available.

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