

BEAM INC  
Form 8-K  
April 22, 2014

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

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

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

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

**Beam Inc.**

**(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)**

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

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

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

**510 Lake Cook Road**

**60015**

**Deerfield, IL**  
**(Address of Principal Executive Offices)**

**(847) 948-8888**

**(Zip Code)**

**(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)**

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))

**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On April 22, 2014, Beam Inc., a Delaware corporation ( *Beam* ), issued a press release announcing that the European Commission has given regulatory clearance to the proposed acquisition of Beam by Suntory Holdings Limited, a Japanese corporation. A copy of the press release is filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated herein by reference.

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

(d) Exhibits

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

**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: April 22, 2014

By /s/ Kenton R. Rose

Name: Kenton R. Rose

Title: Senior Vice President, General Counsel, Chief  
Administrative Officer and Secretary

EXHIBIT INDEX

| <b>Exhibit<br/>Number</b> | <b>Description</b>                              |
|---------------------------|---|
| 99.1                      | Press Release of Beam Inc. dated April 22, 2014 |