

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 6-K

Report of Foreign Private Issuer
Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of March, 2004

Commission File Number 1-15194

COMPANHIA DE BEBIDAS DAS AMÉRICAS-AMBEV

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

American Beverage Company-AMBEV

(Translation of Registrant's name into English)

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Federative Republic of Brazil

(Address of principal executive office)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover Form 20-F or Form 40-F.

Form 20-F Form 40-F

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information contained in this Form is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Yes No

AMBEV AND INTERBREW CONFIRM THAT THEY ARE IN DISCUSSIONS WHICH MAY LEAD TO A
SIGNIFICANT TRANSACTION

São Paulo , March 1, 2004 – Companhia de Bebidas das Américas – AmBev [NYSE: ABV, ABVc and BOVESPA: AMBV4, AMBV3] and Interbrew (EURONEXT: INTB) confirm that they are in discussions, which may lead to a significant transaction. Currently no agreement has been reached between the parties. There can be no assurance that any agreement will be consummated from these discussions, and the parties do not intend to make further comment until an agreement is reached or talks have been terminated.

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