BEAM INC Form 8-K March 05, 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): March 5, 2014

Beam Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction 1-9076 (Commission 13-3295276 (IRS Employer

of Incorporation)

File Number) 510 Lake Cook Road **Identification No.)**

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Deerfield, IL 60015

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

(847) 948-8888

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

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- " 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 March 5, 2014, Beam Inc., a Delaware corporation (Beam), issued a press release announcing that the U.S. Federal Trade Commission has granted early termination of the Hart-Scott Rodino Act waiting period to review 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 March 5, 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)

By /s/ Todd M. Bloomquist Name: Todd M. Bloomquist Title: Vice President and Associate General Counsel

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Date: March 5, 2014

EXHIBIT INDEX

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