

HEINEKEN completes acquisition of a 50 per cent stake in leading U.S. craft brewer Lagunitas

Amsterdam, 15 October 2015 – Heineken N.V. (EURONEXT: HEIA; OTCQX: HEINY) today announces that the transaction to acquire a 50 per cent shareholding in the Lagunitas Brewing Company has completed. The closing of the transaction follows fulfilment of all conditions precedent as agreed on 8 September 2015, when the intention to enter into a partnership with Lagunitas was announced.

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