



Pernod Ricard and Russian Standard Vodka announce settlement of disputes

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Pernod Ricard and Russian Standard Vodka today announced that they have reached a settlement of claims brought by Russian Standard against Pernod Ricard in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York. The claims in this action have been dismissed with prejudice, without any admission of liability by any party, without payment of money by any party to any other party and without injunctive relief for or against any party or any of its affiliates.

About Pernod Ricard

Created in 1975 by the merger of Ricard and Pernod, the Group has undergone sustained development, based on both organic growth and acquisitions. The acquisitions of Seagram (2001), Allied Domecq (2005) and recently of Vin & Sprit (2008) have made Pernod Ricard the world's co-leader in wines and spirits with consolidated sales of € 7,203 million in 2008/09.

Pernod Ricard holds one of the most prestigious brand portfolios in the sector: Absolut Premium Vodka, Ricard pastis, Ballantine's, Chivas Regal and The Glenlivet Scotch whiskies, Jameson Irish Whiskey, Martell cognac, Havana Club rum, Beefeater gin, Kahlúa and Malibu liqueurs, Mumm and Perrier-Jouët champagnes, as well Jacob's Creek and Montana wines.

Pernod Ricard employs a workforce of nearly 19,000 people and operates through a decentralised organisation, with 6 "Brand Owners" and 70 "Distribution Companies" established in each key market. Pernod Ricard is strongly committed to a sustainable development policy and encourages responsible consumption.

Pernod Ricard is listed on the NYSE Euronext exchange (Ticker: RI; ISIN code: FR0000120693) and is a member of the CAC 40 index.

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