

**FORM 4****UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol		5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)	
<u>HATHORN SAMUEL C</u>			<u>NATIONAL BEVERAGE CORP [ FIZZ ]</u>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)		Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)	
<u>16285 PARK TEN PLACE</u>			<u>07/24/2007</u>			
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)	
<u>HOUSTON TX 77094</u>					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)			Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
COMMON STOCK	07/24/2007		P		3,000	A	\$10	104,184	D	
COMMON STOCK	07/25/2007		P		3,000	A	\$9.9	107,184	D	

**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
					Code	V	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					
KEEP STOCK OPTION	\$6 <sup>(1)</sup>	07/25/2007		A	3,000		07/25/2013 <sup>(1)</sup>	07/25/2017	COMMON STOCK 3,000	(1)	35,400	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

1. Under the Company's Key Employee Equity Partnership Program ("KEEP"), Mr. Hathorn received a grant of 3,000 KEEP options for 6,000 shares of common stock purchased by Mr. Hathorn on July 24, 2007 and July 25, 2007. KEEP options are granted at an initial exercise price of sixty percent of the purchase price for the shares of National Beverage Corp. common stock acquired and reduced to the par value of the Company's stock at the end of the six year vesting period. Reference is made to Exhibit 10.14 of the Company's Form 10-K for the year ended April 28, 2007.

/s/ Hathorn, Samuel C 07/26/2007

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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