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## **THOMAS KEMPER SODA CO. ANNOUNCES EXPANSION WITH ANHEUSER-BUSCH WHOLESALERS**

PORTLAND, Ore. – April 29, 2009 – Thomas Kemper Soda Company, a Portland, Ore. based maker of premium craft brewed soda, has entered into new distribution agreements with Anheuser-Busch wholesale distributors in key expansion markets. New distributors include the Ben E. Keith Company, Silver Eagle Distributing, Del Papa Distributing, and L&F Distributing for the state of Texas. In addition, Union Beer Distributors (an L. Knife Company) will launch Thomas Kemper Soda in New York City.

“We are proud to be associated with companies that have a tradition of excellence,” said Bill Germano, President and CEO of Thomas Kemper Soda Co. “We believe that our premium sodas match up very well with their craft portfolios and are excited to be working with such top-tier distributors. Demand for our soda continues to grow but availability in these markets has always been limited. Our new distribution partners will enable us to expand and better reach our customers.”

Already a leading premium soda brand in the Western U.S., Thomas Kemper expects to expand its customer base and regional presence throughout 2009.

### **About Thomas Kemper Soda Co.**

Thomas Kemper Soda Co. is an independent, employee-owned company that produces classic varieties of craft-brewed cane sugar soda as well as premium low calorie soda. The company got its start in the explosive craft microbrew scene of 1980’s Seattle. Today, Thomas Kemper maintains the same Northwest spirit at its Portland, Ore., headquarters and continues to bottle its soda in small batches. Thomas Kemper products are available at grocery stores, finer retailers, and restaurants throughout the Western U.S. with growing availability across the rest of the U.S. and Canada. For more information, visit [www.thsoda.com](http://www.thsoda.com).

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