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Manager of Company Announcements  
Australian Stock Exchange Limited  
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**Update to Non-renounceable Rights Issue and Further Extension of Closing Date**

Reference is made to the pro-rata non-renounceable rights issue announced by the Company on 14 January, 2009 (**Rights Issue**).

Reference is also made to the announcement made by the Company on 3 February, 2009 in which the Closing Date for the Rights Issue was extended until 16 March, 2009 in order to allow for shareholder approval to be sought for the potential increase in voting power of Finico Pty Ltd (**Finico**) which may result from the Rights Issue.

The process of finalising the Notice of Meeting documentation and the related Independent Expert's Report has taken longer than initially anticipated. In order to allow for sufficient time for the shareholder approval process to be finalised it is necessary that the Rights Issue offer timetable be further extended. The Company therefore provides notice to all Shareholders that the offer under the Rights Issue will now remain open until **16 April, 2009**. Attached as part of Annexure A to this announcement is an updated timetable for the Rights Issue.

Application forms provided in the Rights Issue offer document previously dispatched to Shareholders remain valid.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Phil Warren".

**Phil Warren**  
Company Secretary  
Empire Beer Group Ltd



**Annexure A**  
**Empire Beer – 2009 Rights Issue**

Set out below is the updated timetable for the Rights Issue. Amended dates are shown in ***bold and italics***.

<b>Updated Timetable</b>	
ASX announcement of Rights Issue ASX Appendix 3B, Cleansing Notice and Offer Document lodged with ASX	14 January 2009 (pre- market)
Notice to Security Holders	15 January 2009
Ex Date (date from which securities commence trading without the entitlement to participate in the Rights Issue)	16 January 2009
Record Date (date for determining entitlements of eligible shareholders to participate in the Rights Issue & Rights Trading commences)	22 January 2009
Offer Document Dispatched to Shareholders (expected date of dispatch of offer document, entitlement and acceptance forms)	27 January 2008
Rights Issue Opens	27 January 2009
Closing Date (5pm) *	<b><i>16 April 2009</i></b>
Securities quoted on a deferred settlement basis	<b><i>17 April 2009</i></b>
Notification to ASX of undersubscriptions	<b><i>21 April 2009</i></b>
Dispatch Holding Statements and notify ASX of dispatch**	<b><i>22 April 2009</i></b>
Normal (T+3) trading starts	<b><i>23 April 2009</i></b>
<p>* <b>Subject to the Listing Rules, the Directors reserve the right to extend the Closing Date for the Offer at their discretion. Should this occur, the extension will have a consequential effect on the anticipated date of issue for the New Shares.</b></p> <p>** <b>These dates are indicative only.</b></p>	