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Top Hat Plan Exemption  
Pension & Welfare Benefits Administration  
Room N-5644  
U.S. Department of Labor  
200 Constitution Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20210

Dear Sir:

This document will constitute the statement required by 29 CFR 2520.104-23 to be filed with the Secretary of Labor in respect to an unfunded nonqualified deferred compensation plan maintained for a select group of management or highly compensated employees. The required information is provided as follows:

- (1) Employer: Brown-Forman Corporation
- (2) Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1080  
2009 Howard Street  
Louisville, Kentucky 40201-1080
- (3) Employer's Federal Identification No.: 61-0143150
- (4) The employer maintains a single plan with one participant.

If you need any additional information, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

  
Sharon A. Mattingly

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cc: Ms. Susan Von Hoven  
Brown-Forman Corporation

