



**Castle Brands Inc. 2017 Employee Stock Purchase Plan**

(Full Title of the Plan)

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Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer  (Do not check if a smaller reporting company) Smaller reporting company



**CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE**

Title of Securities to be registered	Amount to be Registered <sup>(1)</sup>	Proposed maximum offering price per share <sup>(2)</sup>	Proposed maximum aggregate offering price <sup>(2)</sup>	Amount of registration fee
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share, issuable upon exercise of options which may be granted under the Castle Brands Inc. 2017 Employee Stock Purchase Plan	3,000,000	\$1.13	\$ 3,390,000.00	\$392.91

(1) Pursuant to Rule 416(a) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Securities Act”), this registration statement on Form S-8 also covers an indeterminate number of additional shares of common stock, \$0.01 par value (the “Common Stock”), of Castle Brands Inc. (the “Registrant”) that may be offered or delivered under the Castle Brands Inc. 2017 Employee Stock Purchase Plan by reason of any stock dividend, stock split, recapitalization or other similar transaction effected without the receipt of consideration which results in an increase in the number of the Registrant’s outstanding shares of Common Stock.

Estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the amount of the registration fee pursuant to Rule 457(c) and Rule (2)457(h) under the Securities Act based upon the average of the high and low prices per share of Common Stock as reported by the NYSE MKT on March 16, 2017.

## **PART I**

### **INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE SECTION 10(A) PROSPECTUS**

Castle Brands Inc., a Florida corporation (the “Company,” “we,” “us” or “our”), files this registration statement on Form S-8 in connection with the Castle Brands Inc. 2017 Employee Stock Purchase Plan (the “Plan”). The information specified by Items 1 and 2 of Part I of Form S-8 is omitted from this registration statement in accordance with the provisions of Rule 428 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Securities Act”), and the introductory Note to Part I of Form S-8.

The documents containing the information specified in Part I of Form S-8 will be sent or given to each participant in the Plan as specified by Rule 428(b) under the Securities Act. Such documents and the documents incorporated by reference herein pursuant to Item 3 of Part II hereof, taken together, constitute a prospectus with respect to the Plan that meets the requirements of Section 10(a) of the Securities Act.

## **PART II**

### **INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT**

#### **Item 3. Incorporation of Documents by Reference.**

The following documents, which have been filed with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the “Commission”) by the Company are incorporated herein by reference:

- (a) Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2016, filed with the Commission on June 14, 2016, as amended;
- (b) Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarters ended June 30, 2016, September 30, 2016 and December 31, 2016, filed with the Commission on August 9, 2016, November 9, 2016 and February 9, 2017, respectively;

(c) Definitive Proxy Statement for the Company's 2016 Annual Meeting of Shareholders, filed with the Commission on January 11, 2017;

(d) Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Commission on March 1, 2017 (Item 5.07 only); and

(e) The description of the Company's Common Stock contained in the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-3 (Commission File No. 333-198414) filed with the Commission on August 27, 2014 and any amendments to such Registration Statement filed subsequently thereto, including any amendment or report filed for the purpose of updating such description.

Additionally, all documents subsequently filed by the Company pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 and 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act") (not including any information furnished under Items 2.02, 7.01 or 9.01 of Form 8-K, which information is not incorporated by reference herein) prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment which indicates that all securities offered hereby have been sold or which deregisters all securities then remaining unsold, shall be deemed to be incorporated herein by reference and to be a part of this registration statement from the date of filing of such documents. Any statement contained in a document incorporated herein by reference will be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this registration statement to the extent that a statement contained herein, or in a subsequently filed document incorporated herein by reference, modifies or supersedes the statement. Any statement modified or superseded will not be deemed, except as modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this registration statement.

**Item 4. Description of Securities.**

Not Applicable.

**Item 5. Interests of Named Experts and Counsel.**

Not Applicable.

**Item 6. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.**

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As a corporation incorporated in the State of Florida, we are subject to the Florida Business Corporation Act, or the Florida Act. Section 607.0831 of the Florida Act provides that a director is not personally liable for monetary damages to the corporation or any other person for any statement, vote, decision, or failure to act regarding corporate management or policy unless (1) the director breached or failed to perform his or her duties as a director and (2) the director's breach of, or failure to perform, those duties constitutes (a) a violation of the criminal law, unless the director had reasonable cause to believe his or her conduct was lawful or had no reasonable cause to believe his or her conduct was unlawful, (b) a transaction from which the director derived an improper personal benefit, either directly or indirectly, (c) a circumstance under which the liability provisions of Section 607.0834 are applicable, (d) in a proceeding by or in the right of the corporation to procure a judgment in its favor or by or in the right of a shareholder, conscious disregard for the best interest of the corporation, or willful misconduct, or (e) in a proceeding by or in the right of someone other than the corporation or a shareholder, recklessness or an act or omission which was committed in bad faith or with malicious purpose or in a manner exhibiting wanton and willful disregard of human rights, safety, or property. A judgment or other final adjudication against a director in any criminal proceeding for a violation of the criminal law estops that director from contesting the fact that his or her breach, or failure to perform, constitutes a violation of the criminal law; but does not estop the director from establishing that he or she had reasonable cause to believe that his or her conduct was lawful or had no reasonable cause to believe that his or her conduct was unlawful.

Under Section 607.0850(1) of the Florida Act, a corporation has the power to indemnify any person who was or is a party to any proceeding (other than an action by, or in the right of the corporation), by reason of the fact that he or she is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise against liability incurred in connection with such proceeding, including any appeal thereof, if he or she acted in good faith and in a manner he or she reasonably believed to be in, or not opposed to, the best interests of the corporation and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe his or her conduct was unlawful. The termination of any proceeding by judgment, order, settlement or conviction or upon a plea of nolo contendere or its equivalent shall not, of itself, create a presumption that the person did not act in good faith and in a manner which he or she reasonably believed to be in, or not opposed to, the best interests of the corporation or, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, has reasonable cause to believe that his or her conduct was unlawful.

Under Section 607.0850(2) of the Florida Act, a corporation has the power to indemnify any person, who was or is a party to any proceeding by or in the right of the corporation to procure a judgment in its favor by reason of the fact that the person is or was a director, officer, employee, or agent of the corporation or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, employee, or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, or other enterprise, against expenses and amounts paid in settlement not exceeding, in the judgment of the board of directors, the estimated expense of litigating the proceeding to conclusion, actually and reasonably incurred in connection with the defense or settlement of such proceeding, including any appeal thereof. Such indemnification shall be authorized if such person acted in good faith and in a manner he or she reasonably believed to be in, or not opposed to, the best interests of the corporation, except that no indemnification shall be made under this subsection in respect of any claim, issue, or matter as to which such person shall have been adjudged to be liable unless, and only to the extent that, the court in which such proceeding was brought, or any other court of competent jurisdiction, shall determine upon application that, despite the adjudication of liability but in view of all circumstances of the case, such person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for such expenses which such court shall deem proper.

In addition, under Section 607.0850(3) of the Florida Act, to the extent that a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation has been successful on the merits or otherwise in defense of any proceeding referred to in Sections 607.0850(1) or 607.0850(2) described above, or in defense of any claim, issue or matter therein, he or she shall be indemnified against expenses actually and reasonably incurred by him or her in connection therewith.

Under Section 607.0850 of the Florida Act, the indemnification and advancement of expenses provided pursuant to Section 607.0850 of the Florida Act are not exclusive, and a corporation may make any other or further indemnification or advancement of expenses of any of its directors, officers, employees, or agents, under any bylaw, agreement, vote of shareholders or disinterested directors, or otherwise, both as to action in his or her official capacity and as to action in another capacity while holding such office. However, indemnification or advancement of expenses shall not be made to or on behalf of any director, officer, employee or agent if a judgment or other final adjudication establishes that his or her actions, or omissions to act, were material to the cause of action so adjudicated and constitute: (a) a violation of the criminal law, unless the director, officer, employee or agent had reasonable cause to believe his or her conduct was unlawful; (b) a transaction from which the director, officer, employee or agent derived an improper personal benefit; (c) in the case of a director, a circumstance under which the above liability provisions of



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Section 607.0834 are applicable; or (d) willful misconduct or a conscious disregard for the best interests of the corporation in a proceeding by or in the right of the corporation to procure a judgment in its favor or in a proceeding by or in the right of a shareholder.

Section 607.0850 also provides that a corporation shall have the power to purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation against any liability asserted against the person and incurred by him or her in any such capacity or arising out of his status as such, whether or not the corporation would have the power to indemnify him against such liability under the provisions of Section 607.0850.

Our Articles of Incorporation, as amended (the “Articles of Incorporation”), and our Bylaws provide that we shall indemnify any director or officer or former director or officer to the fullest extent permitted by law. Our Articles of Incorporation provide that a director or officer may be paid expenses incurred in defending any action, suit or proceeding in advance of its final disposition upon our receipt of an undertaking, by or on behalf of the director or officer, to repay all amounts so advanced if it is ultimately determined that such director or officer is not entitled to indemnification. Our Articles of Incorporation also permit us to purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of our directors, officers, employees and agents against expenses, liabilities or losses that they may incur in those capacities, whether or not we would have the power to indemnify them against such expenses, liabilities or losses.

We may provide liability insurance for each of our directors and officers for certain losses arising from claims or charges made against them while acting in their capacities as directors or officers. We currently maintain this type of liability insurance.

Also, we have entered into indemnification agreements with all of our directors and executive officers whereby we have agreed to indemnify, and advance expenses to, such persons to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law. Each indemnification agreement also establishes processes and procedures for indemnification claims, advancement of expenses and other determinations with respect to indemnification.

Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to directors, officers or persons controlling the registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, it is the position of the Commission that indemnification of directors and officers for liabilities arising under the Securities Act is against public policy and is unenforceable pursuant to Section 14 of the Securities Act.

**Item 7. Exemption from Registration Claimed.**

Not Applicable.

**Item 8. Exhibits.**

See “Exhibit Index” following the signature page to this registration statement.

**Item 9. Undertakings.**

(a) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes:

(1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement:

(i) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act;

(ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the registration statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the registration statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than 20% change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the "Calculation of Registration Fee" table in the effective registration statement;

(iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the registration statement or any material change to such information in the registration statement;

*Provided however*, that paragraphs (a)(1)(i) and (a)(1)(ii) do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in reports filed with or furnished to the Commission by the Registrant pursuant to section 13 or section 15(d) of the Exchange Act, that are incorporated by reference in this registration statement.

(2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

(b) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each filing of the registrant's annual report pursuant to section 13(a) or section 15(d) of the Exchange Act (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to section 15(d) of the Exchange Act) that is incorporated by reference in the registration statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(c) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of New York, State of New York, on this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2017.

CASTLE BRANDS INC.

By: /s/ Alfred J. Small

Name: Alfred J. Small

Title: Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer and Secretary

**POWER OF ATTORNEY**

Each person whose signature appears below hereby appoints Richard J. Lampen, John Glover and Alfred J. Small his or her true and lawful attorney-in-fact, each acting alone, with full powers of substitution and resubstitution, with authority to execute in the name of each such person, and to file with the Securities and Exchange Commission, together with any exhibits thereto and other documents therewith, any and all amendments (including without limitation post-effective amendments) to this registration statement necessary or advisable to enable the registrant to comply with the Securities Act and any rules, regulations and requirements of the Securities and Exchange Commission in respect thereof, which amendments may make such other changes in the registration statement as the aforesaid attorney-in-fact executing the same deems appropriate.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, this registration statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.



<u>Signature</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
<u>/s/ Richard J. Lampen</u>		
Richard J. Lampen	President, Chief Executive Officer and Director (Principal Executive Officer)	March 23, 2017
<u>/s/ Alfred J. Small</u>		
Alfred J. Small	Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer and Secretary (Principal Financial Officer and Principal Accounting Officer)	March 23, 2017
<u>/s/ Mark Andrews</u>		
Mark Andrews	Director	March 23, 2017
<u>/s/ John F. Beaudette</u>		
John F. Beaudette	Director	March 23, 2017
<u>/s/ Henry C. Beinstein</u>		
Henry C. Beinstein	Director	March 23, 2017
<u>/s/ Phillip Frost, M.D.</u>		
Phillip Frost, M.D.	Director	March 23, 2017
<u>/s/ Dr. Richard M. Krasno</u>		
Dr. Richard M. Krasno	Director	March 23, 2017
<u>/s/ Steven D. Rubin</u>		
	Director	

Steven D. Rubin

March  
23,  
2017

/s/ Mark Zeitchick

Director

Mark Zeitchick

March  
23,  
2017



**EXHIBIT INDEX**

<b>Exhibit Number</b>	<b>Description</b>
4.1	Composite Articles of Incorporation of the Company (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to our annual report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2014 filed with the SEC on June 30, 2014).
4.2	Bylaws of the Company (incorporated by reference to Appendix E to our definitive proxy statement on Schedule 14A filed with the SEC on December 30, 2009).
5.1	Opinion of Greenberg Traurig, P.A.
23.1	Consent of EisnerAmper LLP.
23.2	Consent of Greenberg Traurig, P.A. (contained in its opinion filed as Exhibit 5.1 hereto).
24.1	Power of Attorney (contained on signature pages hereto).
99.1	Castle Brands Inc. 2017 Employee Stock Purchase Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit A to our definitive proxy statement on Schedule 14A filed with the SEC on January 11, 2017).