1893 April 24th

<u>Directors Meeting held at No.7 Water Street</u> <u>on Monday the 24th April at 3.30 P.M.</u>

Present: Messrs. J. Dodds (Chairman), H. Baehr, D. Fraser, T. B. Glover,W. Gordon, and (by invitation) M. Kirkwood.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and confirmed.

Sundry Letters: Beer-Corks, Charges for Telegrams, Supply of Bottles.

Storage of Malt, Insufficiency

Sundry letters from Messrs. Carl Rohde & Co. and Mr. Heckert with reference to supplies of Beer-Corks, Charges for Telegrams, Supply of Bottles, Storage of Malt, Insufficiency of Malt Cases, etc., were submitted by the Secretary and were referred for settlement to the Chairman and the Secretary acting on their best judgment.

Contract with Diack for Building Storeroom and Office

Building of Store-Room and Office at the Brewery: Mr. Diacks plans were again submitted to the Directors and the Chairman reported that the Contract had been definitely placed with Mr. Diack in terms of the resolution at last Directors meeting.

Letter from Bank of China Japan and the Straits

Letter from the Bank of China Japan and the States dated 21st April giving notice of the assignment to the Bank of Sundry Shares of the Company was read and it was directed that the same be acknowledged and notice of assignment taken on the Register of Shares.

Analysis and Report by Divers on Kirin Beer as Compared with Yebisu

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<u>Yebisu</u> was submitted and it was arranged that Mr. Glover should apply for Dr. Divers permission to publish the same, - if granted the report to be printed in the form of Slips and posted to all foreign Residents in Japan, a sufficient number also to be sent to Messrs. Caldbeck Macgregor & Co. Shanghai and Hongkong for distribution there.

Letter from Divers

A letter from Dr. Divers dated 13th April 1893 on the Analysis made by the Imperial Japanese Laboratory on the Spring water at the Brewery was also read and recorded, while it was resolved that in view of the many services rendered from time to time by Dr. Divers to the Brewery that the Company should send him an honorarium of \$150.00.

Finance

Finance The Chairman reported that the Balance at Credit with the Bank at date was \$10,600.00 and suggested the possibility of paying an Interim Dividend as it was still somewhat uncertain when the accounts to the 31st March could be got out for presentation to the Shareholders and it was thereon resolved that owing to the delay in holding the annual general meeting caused by the change of the Fiscal year to the end of March instead of the end of December and the recent change of Secretary the Directors have thought it advisable in the interest of Shareholders to declare an interim dividend of 5% pending the final issue of the accounts next month. Dividend warrants to be sent out forthwith. In connection with the Same Subject (Finance) the Chairman reported that he had seen the Manager of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank with reference to an overdraft at the Bank during the summer months and had been told by him that this would be readily

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granted on the Directors personal security.

Plan of Cellars

Plan of Cellars The Chairman reported that this plan recently returned from Germany at the request of the Company had been sent to Mr. Diack but that he had replied that this was still not the plan required and as the Directors had no knowledge of any other plan it was resolved that the subject had better be dropped.

Advertising Scheme

Advertising Scheme Sundry suggestions from Mr. Isono were discussed.

- Nothing definite was decided but with reference to his suggestion regarding the Kobe dray it was resolved that the Company should hold him to his bargain of sending the dray to Kobe unless he agreed to the appointment of a foreign sub- agent at that port.

James Stewart James Dodds

Secretary Chairman