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SCOTTISH BEER AND PUB ASSOCIATION MARKS ITS CENTENARY

The Scottish Beer and Pub Association (SBPA) has announced a range of activities designed to mark the fact that this year marks the Centenary of the Scottish Beer and Pub Association establishment. The Association was originally formed in 1906.

The minutes of the original meeting of the Association, now held by the Scottish Brewing Archive, record a Special Meeting of the Edinburgh Brewers' Association held at the Caledonian Railway Station Hotel, Princes Street, Edinburgh on Thursday 13th December 1906 at which the members passed a motion to become the Brewers' Association of Scotland.

The BAS subsequently became the Brewers' and Licensed Retailers' Association of Scotland (BLRAS), before becoming the SBPA.

Said SBPA Chief Executive, Patrick Browne: "It's not every year that an Association marks its centenary and SBPA is hoping to undertake a range of activities to mark this milestone and the long-standing contribution of Scotland's brewers and its licensed trade to Scotland's social and economic life over the last one hundred years." Planned activities and events include:

- ?? Relaunching the SBPA's www.scottishpubs.co.uk website using the Association's new centenary logo (above and enclosed);
- ?? A Centenary Parliamentary Reception in the Scottish Parliament;
- ?? A Centenary Westminster Parliamentary Reception at the Secretary of State for Scotland's Official Residence, Dover House in London;
- ?? A Centenary Dinner to coincide with the 100 years anniversary of the Association's creation;
- ?? The publication of an Industry Report quantifying the contribution of the industry to Scotland's economic and social life.

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Notes for Editors

1. The Scottish Beer and Pub Association was originally formed in 1906. Members are brewing and large pub companies representing the licensed trade industry in Scotland. The main aim of the Association is to contribute to the economic and social wellbeing of Scotland through employment, investment and training. Members account for 1,500 of the 5,200 licensed public houses in Scotland.

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