



Ross Stores Announces New Sales Release Telephone Number for Monthly Recorded Comments

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NEWARK, Calif., Oct. 31 /PRNewswire/ -- Ross Stores, Inc. (Nasdaq: ROST) announced today that that it will report monthly sales results on the following dates:

- October 2000 sales will be reported on Thursday, November 2, 2000.
- November 2000 sales will be reported on Thursday, November 30, 2000.
- December 2000 sales will be reported on Thursday, January 4, 2001.
- January 2001 sales will be reported on Thursday, February 8, 2001.

A press release will be issued on each of the above dates at approximately 8:30 a.m. EST. Additional recorded information concerning each monthly press release and the company's future outlook as of that date will be available by calling 706-645-9291, conference ID #962102, from 8:30 a.m. EST on the date of the press release through 8:00 p.m. EST on the day after each press release. PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS A NEW TELEPHONE NUMBER. Unless otherwise notified, this number will remain the same for each monthly sales release. A transcript of the monthly recorded comments will also be made available on the press release page of the company's web site at www.rossstores.com.

Ross Stores, Inc. reported sales of \$2.5 billion in 1999, its most recent fiscal year. The off-price retailer operates 411 stores in 17 states and Guam, offering first-quality, in season, branded apparel, accessories and footwear for the entire family as well as gift items and linens for the home all at everyday savings of 20% to 60% less than regular department and specialty store prices.

NOTE TO EDITORS: Ross Stores, Inc. press releases are available at no charge through the company's home page on the internet at www.rossstores.com. SOURCE Ross Stores, Inc.

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