



Ross Stores to Present at 11th Annual Goldman Sachs Retail Conference

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PLEASANTON, Calif., Sept. 3 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Ross Stores, Inc. (Nasdaq: ROST) announced today that it will participate in the Eleventh Annual Goldman Sachs Retail Conference that is being held Wednesday, September 8th through Friday, September 10th at the Plaza Hotel in New York City.

Ross Stores is currently scheduled to make its presentation on Thursday, September 9th, 2004 at approximately 9:40 a.m. Eastern time. Management will discuss its business strategies, recent trends and the Company's future outlook. A live audio simulcast of the presentation will be available at http://customer.talkpoint.com/GOLD006/090804a_mk/default.asp?entity=ross. A link to both the audio and slide presentations will also be featured on the news release page of the Ross Stores web site located at www.rossstores.com. In addition, a webcast replay of the presentation will be available at approximately 5:00 p.m. eastern time at the same locations.

Ross Stores, Inc., a Fortune 500 and Nasdaq 100 (Nasdaq: ROST) company headquartered in Pleasanton, California, is the nation's second-largest off-price company with 2003 revenues of \$3.9 billion. The Company had 622 Ross stores in operation as of August 28, 2004. In addition, a new concept, dd's DISCOUNTS(SM), was recently launched, with ten stores planned to open in Northern California during the third quarter. Ross Stores offers first-quality, in-season, name brand and designer apparel, accessories, footwear and home fashions for the entire family at everyday savings of 20 to 60 percent off department and specialty store regular prices. dd's DISCOUNTS(SM) features a more moderate assortment of first-quality, in-season, name brand apparel, accessories, footwear and home fashions for the entire family at everyday savings of 20 to 70 percent off moderate department and discount store regular prices. Additional information is available on the Company's website at www.rossstores.com.

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