

## Ross Stores Announces First Quarter 2005 Earnings Release and Conference Call

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PLEASANTON, Calif., May 12 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Ross Stores, Inc. (Nasdaq: ROST) will announce its first quarter 2005 earnings results on Wednesday, May 18, 2005. A press release will be sent out that morning, before market opening, at approximately 8:00 a.m. Eastern Time.

The Company will provide additional details concerning its first quarter results and business outlook on a conference call to be held on Wednesday, May 18, 2005 at 11:00 a.m. Eastern Time. Participants may listen to a real time audio webcast of the conference call by visiting the Company's website located at www.rossstores.com. A recorded version of the call will also be available until the end of the month at the website address and via a telephone recording through May 25, 2005 at 402-220-5900, PIN #2342.

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