

**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*<br><u>Baker Douglas D</u><br><br>(Last) (First) (Middle)<br>4440 ROSEWOOD DR.<br><br>(Street)<br>PLEASANTON CA 94588<br><br>(City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br><u>ROSS STORES INC [ ROST ]</u> | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer<br>(Check all applicable)<br><br>Director 10% Owner<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)<br><u>Pres., Chief Merch Off - dd's</u> |
|   | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br><u>03/18/2013</u>          |  |
| 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)  |  |  |

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) |   | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |            |        | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|------------|--------|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V | Amount  | (A) or (D) | Price  |   |  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 03/18/2013                           |  | A                              |   | 14,121 <sup>(1)</sup>   | A          | \$0.00 | 255,877 <sup>(2)</sup>  | D  |   |

**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) |   | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |     | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) |                 | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
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|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V | (A)  | (D) | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date |   |  |  |   |  |

**Explanation of Responses:**

- Shares issued pursuant to settlement of a performance share award under the terms of the 2008 Equity Incentive Plan. Shares vest as of 30% on settlement date of March 18, 2013, 30% to vest on first anniversary of settlement date, and 40% to vest on second anniversary of settlement date.
- Securities Beneficially Owned includes shares acquired pursuant to issuer's employee stock purchase plan in a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3.

/s/ John G. Call for Douglas D.  
Baker President, Chief 03/19/2013  
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\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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ROSS STORES, INC.

POWER OF ATTORNEY

The undersigned hereby authorizes John G. Call, Group Senior Vice President; Deon Riley, Senior Vice President, Human Resources; Ken Jew, Vice President, Corporate Counsel and Assistant Corporate Secretary; and Monte Young, Senior Director, Compensation-HRIM of Ross Stores, Inc. (the "Company"), to execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as an officer or director of the Company, Form ID Uniform Application for Access Codes and Passwords to File on EDGAR, Forms 4 and 5, and any amendments thereto, and cause such form(s) to be filed with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Act of 1934, relating to the undersigned's beneficial ownership of securities in the Company. The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary, or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorney-in-fact, or such attorney-in-fact's substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this power of attorney and the rights and powers herein granted. The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorneys-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, are not assuming, nor is the Company assuming, any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 4 and 5 with respect to the undersigned's holdings of, and transactions in, securities issued by the Company, unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the foregoing attorneys-in-fact.

In Witness Whereof, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 26th day of February, 2013.

/s/ Douglas Baker

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