FORM 4

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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

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  BALMUTH MICHAEL							2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ROSS STORES INC [ ROST ]									ationship all appl Direct	icable)	ing Person(s) to Issu		
(Last) 4440 RC	( OSEWOOI	First) DR.		<b>:</b> )		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/27/2010								X	below	er (give title v) ice Chairman a		Other (specify below) and CEO		
(Street) PLEASANTON CA 94588						4. If .	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								3. Indiv Line) X					
(City)	(	(State) (Zip)																		
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																				
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Ye							Execution Date, ear) if any			3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 5)					cially	Fori (D) ( Indi	ownership m: Direct or irect (I) tr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
										Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price		Report			u. 4)	(111511. 4)
Common Stock 05/27/201							)			M		26,000	A	\$34	4.37 54		19,470		D	
Common Stock 05/27/2010							)			S		26,000	D	\$52.8	\$52.8647 5		3,470		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	n Date		Execu	eemed ution Date, th/Day/Year)	4. Transac Code (I 8)	action of Deriva Secur Acqui (A) or Dispo of (D)		posed D) str. 3, 4	6. Date Exerci Expiration Da (Month/Day/Y		ate	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4)		of De Sec	Price rivative curity str. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficiall Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4)	Ownersh Form: Direct (D or Indire (I) (Instr.	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr.	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
							v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisa	able	Expiration Date	Title	Amour or Numbe of Shares	er					
Non- Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$34.37		05/27/2010			М			26,000	(1)		03/22/2017	Common Stock	26,00	0	\$0	236,113	,	D	

## Explanation of Responses:

1. The shares become vested as follows: 40% of shares granted vest monthly from January 29, 2009 through January 29, 2010 and 60% of shares granted vest monthly from January 29, 2010 through January 29, 2011.

/s/ MICHAEL BALMUTH, CEO

05/28/2010

\*\* 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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