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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* <u>BALMUTH MICHAEL</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) 4440 ROSEWOOD DR.  (Street) PLEASANTON CA 94588  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>ROSS STORES INC [ ROST ]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Vice Chairman, Pres. &amp; CEO</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>10/15/2007</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	10/15/2007		S		5,000 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	\$27.9	417,977	D	
Common Stock	10/15/2007		S		4,200 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	\$27.89	413,777	D	
Common Stock	10/15/2007		S		1,000 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	\$27.88	412,777	D	
Common Stock	10/15/2007		S		1,800 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	\$27.86	410,977	D	
Common Stock	10/15/2007		S		144 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	\$27.85	410,833	D	
Common Stock	10/15/2007		S		700 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	\$27.84	410,133	D	
Common Stock	10/15/2007		S		650 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	\$27.83	409,483	D	
Common Stock	10/15/2007		S		1,300 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	\$27.95	408,183	D	
Common Stock	10/15/2007		S		2,256 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	\$27.87	405,927	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)
				Code	V		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					

**Explanation of Responses:**

1. Shares sold pursuant to a pre-established 10b5-1 Plan.

/s/ MICHAEL BALMUTH  
VICE CHAIRMAN, PRESIDENT AND CEO 10/16/2007

\*\* 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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