FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person [*] Panattoni Lisa R | | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>ROSS STORES INC</u> [ROST] | | | | | | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner | | | | |
|--|---|--|--|--|--|--|-----|--|--|------|---|-------|--|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 4440 ROSEWOOD DR. | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/31/2008 | | | | | | | | | X C | officer (give title elow) Executive VP, | Oth | er (specify w) | | | |
| (Street) PLEASANTON CA 94588 (City) (State) (Zip) | | | | 4. If A | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | | ne) X F F | ividual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | |
| Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transact Date (Month/Day | | | | | | Execution Date, | | | 3. Transact Code (In 8) Code | str. | on Dispose | | rities Acquired (ed Of (D) (Instr. : (A) or | | Se Be Ov Fo Re | Amount of curities neficially vned llowing ported | 6. Ownershi Form: Direc (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | | |
| | | | | | 2008 | 0.08 | | | A | • | | | D) | Price | (In | ansaction(s) str. 3 and 4) | D | | |
| Common Stock 03/31/20 | | | | | | | | | | | 9,044 ⁽¹⁾ A | | <u> </u> | | 134,169 | 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) | . Title of 2. 3. Transaction 3A. Deen lerivative Conversion Date Executio ecurity or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any | | | emed 4. | | ction of | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr 3 and 4) Amoun or | | | 8. Price of Derivat Securit (Instr. 5 | derivative ive Securities y Beneficially | Ownersh Form: Direct (D or Indire (I) (Instr. 4) | Beneficial Ownership | | |
| | | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisab | | Expiration Date | Title | | nber res | | | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. Shares issued pursuant of a performance share award under the terms of the 2004 Equity Incentive Plan. Shares vest as of 30% on settlement date of March 31, 2008, 30% to vest on first anniversary of settlement date, and 40% to vest on second anniversary of settlement date.

/s/ John Call power of Attorney for Lisa R Panattoni

04/02/2008

** 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).

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