

**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

<b>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*</b> <u>BALMUTH MICHAEL</u> _____ (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>4440 ROSEWOOD DR.</u> _____ (Street) <u>PLEASANTON CA 94588</u> _____ (City) (State) (Zip)	<b>2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</b> <u>ROSS STORES INC [ ROST ]</u>	<b>5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</b> (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>
	<b>3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)</b> <u>01/09/2007</u>	
<b>4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)</b>		

**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	01/09/2007		M		63,300	A	\$19.31	348,315	D	
Common Stock	01/09/2007		S		63,300	D	\$32.0371	285,015 <sup>(1)</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)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$19.31	01/09/2007		M			63,300	(2)	01/30/2013	Common Stock	63,300	\$0.00	296,700	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- Securities Beneficially Owned reflects shares acquired pursuant to issuer's Employee Stock Purchase Plan in a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3.
- The option becomes vested and exercisable over a four-year period as follows: 40% of the options vest monthly in the third year and 60% of the options vest monthly in the fourth year.

/s/ MICHAEL BALMUTH,  
VICE CHAIRMAN, 01/10/2007  
PRESIDENT AND CEO

\*\* 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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