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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>FASSIO JAMES S</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>8333 CENTRAL AVE</u> (Street) <u>NEWARK CA 94560</u> (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) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <p style="text-align: center;">Senior VP</p>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>08/19/2003</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	08/19/2003		M		2,030	A	\$21.6563	66,772	D	
COMMON STOCK	08/19/2003		S		2,030	D	\$48.16	64,742	D	
COMMON STOCK	08/19/2003		M		600	A	\$21.6563	65,342	D	
COMMON STOCK	08/19/2003		S		600	D	\$48.132	64,742	D	
COMMON STOCK	08/19/2003		M		400	A	\$21.6563	65,142	D	
COMMON STOCK	08/19/2003		S		400	D	\$48.137	64,742	D	
COMMON STOCK	08/19/2003		M		100	A	\$21.6563	64,842	D	
COMMON STOCK	08/19/2003		S		100	D	\$48.14	64,742	D	
COMMON STOCK	08/19/2003		M		770	A	\$21.6563	65,512	D	
COMMON STOCK	08/19/2003		S		770	D	\$48.13	64,742	D	
COMMON STOCK	08/19/2003		M		100	A	\$21.6563	64,842	D	
COMMON STOCK	08/19/2003		S		100	D	\$48.15	64,742	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 OPTIONS	\$21.6563	08/19/2003		M			2,030	(I)	03/17/2009	COMMON STOCK	2,030	\$0.00	11,970	D	
NON QUALIFIED STOCK OPTION	\$21.6563	08/19/2003		M			600	(I)	03/17/2009	COMMON STOCK	600	\$0.00	11,370	D	

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(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	Amount or Number of Shares				
NON QUALIFIED STOCK OPTION	\$21.6563	08/19/2003		M			400	(I)	03/17/2009	COMMON STOCK	400	\$0.00	10,970	D	
NON QUALIFIED STOCK OPTION	\$21.6563	08/19/2003		M			100	(I)	03/17/2009	COMMON STOCK	100	\$0.00	10,870	D	
NON QUALIFIED STOCK OPTION	\$21.6563	08/19/2003		M			770	(I)	03/17/2009	COMMON STOCK	770	\$0.00	10,100	D	
NON QUALIFIED STOCK OPTIONS	\$21.6563	08/19/2003		M			100	(I)	03/17/2009	COMMON STOCK	100	\$0.00	10,000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. OPTION IS FULLY VESTED AND EXERCISABLE.

/s/ JAMES FASSIO SR VP
PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT 08/20/2003

** 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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