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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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1(b).

(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * SEILER DONALD H

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

ROSS STORES INC [ROST]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 05/19/2005

(Check all applicable) X_ Director 10% Owner

Officer (give title Other (specify below)

4440 ROSEWOOD DR., BUILDING 4

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

PLEASANTON, CA 94588

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A) or

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of 2. 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 5. Number Date Exercisable and Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction Derivative **Expiration Date** Security or Exercise any Code Securities (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount Underlying Securitie (Instr. 3 and 4)

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	Security			(D) (Instr	osed of . 3, 4,				
			Code	and 5		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amou or Numb of Shares
Non-Qualified	\$ 27.69	05/19/2005	A	9,02	9	<u>(1)</u>	05/19/2015	Common	9,02

Stock

(Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired

Reporting Owners

Price of

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
• 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
SEILER DONALD H 4440 ROSEWOOD DR. BUILDING 4 PLEASANTON, CA 94588	X						

Signatures

(Instr. 3)

Stock Option

Mark Askanas, Attorney in Fact for Donald H.
Seiler

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).

Grant to reporting person of an option which begins vesting six months from grant date ('Initial Vest Date'). On Initial Vest Date, grant (1) vests and becomes exercisable as to 1/6 of shares granted and then vests and becomes exercisable as to 1/36 of shares granted per month

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