#### **ROSS STORES INC**

Form 4

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### FORM 4

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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1. Name and Addr BALMUTH M	_	ng Person *	2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol ROSS STORES INC [ROST]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)				
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check an approache)				
4440 ROSEWOOD DR.			(Month/Day/Year) 10/15/2007	X Director 10% OwnerX Officer (give title Other (specify below)  Vice Chairman, Pres. & CEO				
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check				
PLEASANTON, CA 94588			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ 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

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1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	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	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	10/15/2007		S	366 (1)	D	\$ 28.76	517,411	D	
Common Stock	10/15/2007		S	700 (1)	D	\$ 28.69	516,711	D	
Common Stock	10/15/2007		S	1,000 (1)	D	\$ 28.57	515,711	D	
Common Stock	10/15/2007		S	700 (1)	D	\$ 28.56	515,011	D	
Common Stock	10/15/2007		S	750 <u>(1)</u>	D	\$ 28.55	514,261	D	

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Common Stock	10/15/2007	S	2,500 (1)	D	\$ 28.54	511,761	D
Common Stock	10/15/2007	S	600 (1)	D	\$ 28.53	511,161	D
Common Stock	10/15/2007	S	800 (1)	D	\$ 28.52	510,361	D
Common Stock	10/15/2007	S	234 (1)	D	\$ 28.51	510,127	D
Common Stock	10/15/2007	S	400 (1)	D	\$ 28.5	509,727	D
Common Stock	10/15/2007	S	700 (1)	D	\$ 28.46	509,027	D
Common Stock	10/15/2007	S	2,400 (1)	D	\$ 28.45	506,627	D
Common Stock	10/15/2007	S	2,000 (1)	D	\$ 28.44	504,627	D
Common Stock	10/15/2007	S	400 (1)	D	\$ 28.42	504,227	D
Common Stock	10/15/2007	S	2,100 (1)	D	\$ 28.41	502,127	D
Common Stock	10/15/2007	S	300 (1)	D	\$ 28.4	501,827	D
Common Stock	10/15/2007	S	1,800 (1)	D	\$ 28.39	500,027	D
Common Stock	10/15/2007	S	100 (1)	D	\$ 28.38	499,927	D
Common Stock	10/15/2007	S	700 (1)	D	\$ 28.37	499,227	D
Common Stock	10/15/2007	S	500 (1)	D	\$ 28.36	498,727	D
Common Stock	10/15/2007	S	800 (1)	D	\$ 28.35	497,927	D
Common Stock	10/15/2007	S	2,919 (1)	D	\$ 28.34	495,008	D
Common Stock	10/15/2007	S	3,293 (1)	D	\$ 28.33	491,715	D
Common Stock	10/15/2007	S	1,700 (1)	D	\$ 28.32	490,015	D
Common Stock	10/15/2007	S	1,400 (1)	D	\$ 28.31	488,615	D
	10/15/2007	S		D	\$ 28.3	485,008	D

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Common Stock			3,607 (1)			
Common Stock	10/15/2007	S	700 <u>(1)</u> D	\$ 28.28	484,308	D
Common Stock	10/15/2007	S	743 <u>(1)</u> D	\$ 28.27	483,565	D
Common Stock	10/15/2007	S	1,400 D	\$ 28.26	482,165	D
Common Stock	10/15/2007	S	800 (1) D	\$ 28.24	481,365	D

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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 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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	<b>:</b>	ate	7. Titl Amou Under Secur (Instr.	ınt of rlying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owno Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address			Relationships					
·r· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
BALMUTH MICHAEL 4440 ROSEWOOD DR. PLEASANTON, CA 94588	X		Vice Chairman, Pres. & CEO					

## **Signatures**

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

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\*\*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).
- (1) Shares sold pursuant to a pre-established 10b5-1 Plan.

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