#### **ROSS STORES INC**

Form 4

October 17, 2007

### FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b). (Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Add BALMUTH N	•	ing 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 applicable)			
4440 ROSEW	OOD DR.		(Month/Day/Year) 10/15/2007	_X_ Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) Vice Chairman, Pres. & CEO			
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
PLEASANTO	N CA 945	88	Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting			
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(City)	(State) (	(Zip) 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. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)			d of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	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	5,000 (1)	D	\$ 27.9	417,977	D				
Common Stock	10/15/2007		S	4,200 (1)	D	\$ 27.89	413,777	D				
Common Stock	10/15/2007		S	1,000 (1)	D	\$ 27.88	412,777	D				
Common Stock	10/15/2007		S	1,800 (1)	D	\$ 27.86	410,977	D				
Common Stock	10/15/2007		S	144 (1)	D	\$ 27.85	410,833	D				

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Common Stock	10/15/2007	S	700 <u>(1)</u>	D	\$ 27.84	410,133	D
Common Stock	10/15/2007	S	650 (1)	D	\$ 27.83	409,483	D
Common Stock	10/15/2007	S	1,300 (1)	D	\$ 27.95	408,183	D
Common Stock	10/15/2007	S	2,256 (1)	D	\$ 27.87	405,927	D

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 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. Transa Code (Instr.	ctio	5. nNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		ate	Amou Under Secur	rlying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)
				Code	V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	

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## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Keiauonsnips							
	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 10/16/2007 **CEO** 

> \*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

2 Reporting Owners

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- \* 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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