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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Ad Panattoni Lisa	•	rting Person *	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	ROSS STORES INC [ROST] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)			
4440 ROSEWOOD DR.			(Month/Day/Year) 01/09/2006	Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (spec below) Executive VP, Merchandising			
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
PLEASANTO	ON, CA 945	588	Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I. New Desiration Committee A	anning d. Diemond of an Baneficially Own			

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly 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 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	01/09/2006		F	3,963	D	\$ 30.19	97,483 (1)	D	

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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	(Monui Day/Tear)	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/		Under Securi	lying	Security (Instr. 5)	Secur Bene Owne 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

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Panattoni Lisa R

4440 ROSEWOOD DR. Executive VP, Merchandising

PLEASANTON, CA 94588

Signatures

/s/ Lisa R Panattoni, Executive VP,

Merchandising 01/10/2006

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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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) Securities Beneficially Owned reflects shares acquired pursuant to issuer's Employee Stock Purchase Plan in a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3.

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