

BALMUTH MICHAEL
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
BALMUTH MICHAEL

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
ROSS STORES INC [ROST]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
4440 ROSEWOOD DR.

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
03/18/2013

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
Vice Chairman and CEO

PLEASANTON, CA 94588

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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. 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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| Common Stock | 03/18/2013 | | S | (A) or (D) D | \$ 177,910 (1) 55.9329 144,376 (2) | 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)

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| 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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Pr Deriv Secur (Instr |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--------------------------|
| Share Rights | (3) | 03/18/2013 | | A | 84,719 | (4) (4) | Common Stock | 84,719 \$ |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| BALMUTH MICHAEL 4440 ROSEWOOD DR. PLEASANTON, CA 94588 | X | | Vice Chairman and CEO | |

Signatures

/s/ MICHAEL
BALMUTH, CEO 03/19/2013

**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 were sold pursuant to the terms of a pre-established 10b5-1 Plan.
- (2) Range of prices: \$55.46 - \$56.24
- (3) Each share right represents the right to receive one share of ROST common stock.
- (4) The share rights vest on May 30, 2014, subject to continued employment, and vested share rights will be settled in ROST common stock on March 23, 2015.

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