

BEBE STORES INC
Form 8-K
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**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (date of earliest event reported):
April 6, 2006

bebe stores, inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

California
(State or Jurisdiction of
Incorporation or Organization)

0-24395
(Commission File No.)

94-2450490
(IRS Employer
Identification Number)

400 Valley Drive
Brisbane, California 94005
(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code
(415) 715-3900

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition

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The information in this Form 8-K and the Exhibit attached hereto shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Act of 1934, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing. On April 6, 2006, bebe stores, inc. issued a press release announcing its March 2006 sales.

The press release relating to the March 2006 sales is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits

99.1. Press Release dated April 6, 2006.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

Dated April 6, 2006

bebe stores, inc.

/s/ Walter Parks

Walter Parks, Chief Financial Officer

Exhibit 99.1

Contact: Walter Parks
Chief Financial Officer
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bebe stores, inc. Announces March 2006 Sales; Same Store Sales Increase 4.1%

BRISBANE, CALIF. April 6, 2006 bebe stores, inc. (Nasdaq: BEBE) today reported retail sales of \$55.8 million for the five-week period ended April 1, 2006, an increase of 12.3% compared to sales of \$49.7 million for the five-week period ended April 2, 2005. Same store sales for the five-week period ended April 1, 2006 increased 4.1% compared to an increase of 30.6% for March 2005.

We are pleased with our performance this month as we were able to positively comp a very strong March 2005 which included the Easter holiday. Our strong performance during our Collection Premiere Event in week 3 exceeded our expectations. This momentum carried through weeks 4 and 5 and should benefit April, said Greg Scott, Chief Executive Officer.

Retail sales for the thirteen-week period ended April 1, 2006 were \$131.1 million, up 13.2% from \$115.8 million for the thirteen-week period ended April 2, 2005. Same store sales for the thirteen-week period ended April 1, 2006 increased 4.7% compared to an increase of 28.5% in the prior year.

Retail sales for the year-to-date period ending April 1, 2006 were \$425.9 million compared to \$370.2 million for the year-to-date period ending April 2, 2005, an increase of 15.0%. Same store sales for the year-to-date period ending April 1, 2006 increased 7.1% compared to an increase of 23.0% for the year-to-date period ending April 2, 2005.

As of April 1, 2006, finished goods inventory per square foot was approximately 14% higher as compared to the prior year.

bebe stores, inc. provides additional information on a recorded message. Interested parties are invited to listen to the message by calling 1-877-232-3757.

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bebe stores, inc. will host a conference call on Thursday, April 27, 2006 at 1:30 P.M. Pacific Time to discuss third quarter results. Interested parties are invited to listen to the conference by calling (888) 241-2232. A replay of the call will be available for approximately one week by calling (800) 642-1687 and using the passcode "7391443". A link to the audio replay will be available on our web site at www.bebe.com following the conference call.

bebe stores, inc. designs, develops and produces a distinctive line of contemporary women's apparel and accessories, which it markets under the bebe, BEBE SPORT and bebe O brand names. bebe currently operates 228 stores, of which 173 are bebe stores, 20 are bebe outlet stores and 35 are BEBE SPORT stores. These stores are located in the United States, Puerto Rico and Canada. In addition, there is an online store at www.bebe.com.

The statements in this news release and on our recorded message, other than the historical financial information, contain forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ from anticipated results. Wherever used, the words "expect, plan, anticipate, believe" and similar expressions identify forward-looking statements. Any such forward-looking statements are subject to risks and uncertainties and the company's future results of operations could differ materially from historical results or current expectations. Some of these risks include, without limitation, miscalculation of the demand for our products, effective management of our growth, decline in comparable store sales performance, ongoing competitive pressures in the apparel industry, changes in the level of consumer spending or preferences in apparel, and/or other factors that may be described in the company's annual report on Form 10-K and/or other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Future economic and industry trends that could potentially impact revenues and profitability are difficult to predict.
