# **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): November 2, 2005

**GUESS?**, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

1-11893

(Commission File Number)

95-3679695

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

1444 S. Alameda Street Los Angeles, California

(Address of principal executive offices)

90021

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (213) 765-3100

#### Not applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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:

Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13a-4(c))

#### Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

Guess?, Inc. issued a press release on November 2, 2005. The press release announced its financial results for the quarter ended October 1, 2005. The press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

The information in this Form 8-K is being furnished under Item 2.02 and shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act"), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of such section, nor shall such information be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

#### Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

#### (c) Exhibits.

The following exhibit is furnished herewith:

99.1 Press Release of Guess?, Inc. dated November 2, 2005 (financial results for the quarter ended October 1, 2005)

#### **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Guess?, Inc. has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Dated: November 2, 2005 GUESS?, INC.

By: /s/ Maurice Marciano

Maurice Marciano Co-Chairman of the Board, Co-Chief Executive Officer and Director

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# **NEWS RELEASE**

For Immediate Release

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# GUESS?, INC. REPORTS RECORD REVENUES AND EARNINGS FOR 3rd QUARTER

#### EPS OF \$0.46 VERSUS \$0.27 LAST YEAR, A 70% INCREASE

#### - OCTOBER COMP SALES UP 12.3% -

#### **Third Quarter Highlights**

- Net revenues increased 34% to \$265.6 million; comparable store sales increased 8.9%
- Gross margin increased 510 basis points to 43.1%
- Earnings from operations increased \$14.0 million to \$35.5 million, reflecting a 13.4% operating margin
- Net earnings increased 75% to \$20.7 million

Los Angeles, CA, November 2, 2005 - Guess?, Inc. (NYSE:GES) today reported financial results for the third quarter ended October 1, 2005.

#### Third Quarter Results

For the third quarter ended October 1, 2005, the Company reported that net earnings increased by 74.9% to \$20.7 million compared to net earnings of \$11.8 million for the quarter ended September 25, 2004. Diluted earnings per share increased 70.4% to \$0.46 per share in the current quarter versus \$0.27 per share in the third quarter last year. Reported earnings for the period included a special performance-based compensation expense of \$4.6 million, or \$2.7 million after tax, or \$0.06 per diluted share, related to the performance and contributions of the licensing business to the Company's operations. There was no corresponding expense in the comparable prior year period.

Paul Marciano, Co-Chairman and Co-CEO, commented, "We are very pleased with our record revenues and earnings performance in the third quarter. We believe that the significant revenue growth reflects a very positive customer response to our product assortment and mix, and the success of our European business. Our inventories continue to be clean and this has contributed to substantially increased margins in our retail and wholesale segments. The strong performance of our European business underscores the reach of the Guess? brand. As we look to our important fourth quarter, the October comp store sales increase of 12.3% shows good momentum in our core business in North America, and we remain confident about our product assortment. Our cash flow continues to increase and should provide the foundation to support the future growth of our global brand."

Total net revenue for the third quarter of 2005 increased 34.3% to \$265.6 million from \$197.8 million in the third quarter of 2004. The Company's retail stores in the U.S. and Canada generated revenue of \$156.3 million in the 2005 third quarter, an 18.3% increase from \$132.1 million, as reported in the prior year period. Comparable store sales increased 8.9% during the third quarter of 2005 versus the prior year period. Net revenue from the Company's wholesale segment decreased 9.3% to \$31.0 million in the third quarter of 2005 from \$34.1 million in the prior-year period. Net revenue from the Company's European operations segment increased 272.1% to \$64.4 million in the third quarter of 2005, compared to \$17.3 million in the prior year period, following the acquisition of the Company's European jeanswear licensee on January 3, 2005. Licensing segment net revenue decreased 2.7% to \$13.9 million in the third quarter of 2005 from \$14.3 million in the prior year period. The Company operated 305 retail stores in the U.S. and Canada at third quarter-end 2005 versus 269 stores a year earlier.

#### **Nine Month Results**

For the nine months ended October 1, 2005, the Company reported that net earnings increased 124.4% to \$33.0 million compared to net earnings of \$14.7 million for the nine months ended September 25, 2004. Diluted earnings per share increased 124.2% to \$0.74 per share in the current nine-month period versus \$0.33 per share in the comparable period last year. Reported earnings for the nine month period included a special performance-based compensation expense of \$4.6 million, or \$2.7 million after tax, or \$0.06 per diluted share, related to the performance and contributions of the licensing business to the Company's operations. There was no corresponding expense in the comparable prior year period. The nine months ended October 1, 2005 had 274 days compared to 269 days in the nine months ended September 25, 2004.

Total net revenue increased 30.5% to \$659.4 million in the 2005 nine-month period from \$505.3 million in the prior year period. The Company's retail stores in the U.S. and Canada generated revenue of \$405.7 million for the first nine months of 2005, an increase of 17.0% from \$346.9 million for the prior year period. Comparable store sales increased 6.0% during the first nine months of 2005. Net revenue from the Company's wholesale segment in the first nine months of 2005 increased 0.8% to \$88.1 million from \$87.4 million in the first nine months of 2004. Net revenue from the Company's European operations segment increased 262.5% to \$131.0 million in the first nine months of 2005, compared to \$36.2 million in the prior year period, following the acquisition of the Company's European jeanswear licensee on January 3, 2005. Licensing segment net revenue was \$34.6 million in the first nine months of 2005, a 0.5% decrease from \$34.8 million for the same prior year period.

#### October 2005 Retail Sales

The Company also reported today retail sales for its stores in the U.S. and Canada for fiscal October 2005. Total October retail sales for the four weeks ended October 29, 2005 were \$45.5 million, an increase of 22.4% from sales of \$37.2 million for the four weeks ended October 30, 2004. Comparable store sales for the October period increased 12.3% compared to the year-ago period.

The Company will hold a conference call at 4:30 pm (ET) on November 2, 2005 to discuss the news announced in this press release. A live webcast of the conference call will be accessible at www.guess.com via the "Investor's Info" link from the "Guess?, Inc." section of the site. The webcast will be archived on the website for 30 days.

Guess?, Inc. designs, markets, distributes and licenses a lifestyle collection of contemporary apparel, accessories and related consumer products. At October 1, 2005, the Company operated 305 retail stores in the United States and Canada. The Company also distributes its products through better department and specialty stores around the world. For more information about the Company, please visit www.guess.com.

Except for historical information contained herein, certain matters discussed in this press release are forward-looking statements that are made pursuant to the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements are only expectations, and involve known and unknown risks and uncertainties, which may cause actual results in future periods and other future events to differ materially from what is currently anticipated. Factors which may cause actual results in future periods to differ from current expectations include, among other things, the continued desirability and customer acceptance of existing and future product lines (including licensed product lines), the successful integration of acquisitions, new stores and new licensees into existing operations, possible cancellations of wholesale orders, the success of competitive products, the continued availability of adequate sources of capital, general economic conditions, acts of terrorism or acts of war, government regulation, currency fluctuations and possible future litigation. In addition to these factors, the economic and other factors identified in the Company's most recent annual report on Form 10-K and other fillings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including but not limited to the risk factors discussed therein, could affect the forward-looking statements contained herein and in the Company's other public documents.

# Guess?, Inc. and Subsidiaries Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations (dollars in thousands, except per share data)

# Three Months Ended

		Three Months Ended				
		October 1, 2005	September 2004			
	s	%	\$	%		
Net revenue						
Product sales		,695 94.8%		92.8%		
Net royalties	13	3,905 5.2%	14,284	7.2%		
		5,600 100.0%		100.0%		
Cost of product sales	151	,162 56.9%	122,583	62.0%		
Gross profit	114	1,438 43.1%	75,254	38.0%		
Selling, general and administrative expenses	78	3,966 29.7%	53,740	27.2%		
Earnings from operations	35	5,472 13.4%	21,514	10.8%		
Other (income) expense:			,			
Interest expense	1	,608 0.6%	1,399	0.7%		
Interest income		(608) (0.2)%	(139)	(0.1)%		
Earnings before income taxes	34	1,472 13.0%	20,254	10.2%		
Income taxes		5.2%		4.2%		
Net earnings	\$ 20	0,684 7.8%	\$ 11,826	6.0%		
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Net earnings per share: Basic	¢	0.47	\$ 0.27			
Diluted		0.46	\$ 0.27			
Weighted number of shares outstanding:	Φ	0.40	\$ 0.27			
Basic	44	1,409	44,093			
Diluted	45	5,162	44,620			
		October 1, 2005	September 2004			
	<u> </u>	%				
Net revenue Product sales	\$ 624	1,802 94.7%	s 470,447	93.1%		
Net royalties		1,641 5.3%		6.9%		
Cost of product sales		0,443 100.0% 6,304 60.1%		100.0% 63.3%		
Cost of product sales		1,304 00.1%	319,703	03.3%		
Gross profit	263	39.9%	185,574	36.7%		
Selling, general and administrative expenses	204	1,752 31.0%	156,238	30.9%		
Earnings from operations	58	3,387 8.9%	29,336	5.8%		
Other (income) expense:			·			
Interest expense		5,455 0.8%		0.9%		
Interest income		2,086) (0.2)%	(344)	(0.1)%		
Earnings before income taxes		5,018 8.3%		5.0%		
Income taxes	22	2,007 3.3%	10,607	2.1%		
Net earnings	\$ 33	5.0%	\$ 14,713	2.9%		
Net earnings per share:						
		0.75	\$ 0.33			
Basic		0.74	\$ 0.33			
Diluted	\$	0.74				
Diluted Weighted number of shares outstanding:						
Diluted Weighted number of shares outstanding: Basic	44	1,282	43,953			
Diluted Weighted number of shares outstanding:	44					

#### Guess?, Inc. and Subsidiaries Consolidated Segment Data

(in thousands)

		Three Months Ended			Nine Mon	Months Ended			
		October 1, 2005		September 25, 2004		October 1, 2005		ptember 25, 2004	
Net revenue:									
Retail operations	\$	156,332	\$	132,133	\$	405,735	\$	346,905	
Wholesale operations		30,955		34,112		88,101		87,415	
European operations (1)		64,408		17,308		130,966		36,127	
Licensing operations (1)		13,905		14,284		34,641		34,832	
	\$	265,600	\$	197,837	\$	659,443	\$	505,279	
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Earnings (loss) from operations:									
Retail operations	\$	18,777	\$	12,743	\$	28,826	\$	23,611	
Wholesale operations		1,776		(741)		4,182		(6,687)	
European operations (1)		16,911		4,580		27,911		9,363	
Licensing operations (1)		7,861		12,130		24,911		28,178	
Corporate overhead		(9,853)		(7,198)		(27,443)		(25,129)	
	\$	35,472	\$	21,514	\$	58,387	\$	29,336	
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<sup>(1)</sup> The European operations segment includes net revenue and earnings from the acquired European Jeanswear licensee commencing from the acquisition date of January 3, 2005. In 2004, licensing income from the licensee was included in the licensing operations segment. Net revenues of the acquired business for the three and nine month periods ended October 1, 2005 were \$33,513 and \$67,156, respectively. Earnings from operations for the acquired business for the same periods were \$6,987 and \$10,702, respectively. Licensing income included in the licensing operations segment for the three and nine month periods ended September 25, 2004 were \$989 and \$4,141, respectively.

# Guess?, Inc. and Subsidiaries Selected Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet Data

(in thousands)

		2005	December 31, 2004		September 25, 2004	
ASSETS						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	138,891	\$	106,003	\$	63,061
Restricted cash		3,048		3,660		3,927
Receivables, net		103,806		53,915		58,709
Inventories, net		126,387		82,329		105,497
Other current assets		28,446		25,116		18,712
Property and equipment, net		126,905		113,944		109,554
Other assets		58,544		39,337		37,469
Total Assets	\$	586,027	\$	424,304	\$	396,929
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LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY						
Current installments of notes payable and long-term debt	\$	38,164	\$	13,430	\$	13,111
Other current liabilities		172,566		119,369		117,687
Notes payable and long-term debt, excluding current installments		45,027		41,396		48,416
Other liabilities		75,807		29,532		17,368
Stockholders' equity		254,463		220,577		200,347
Total Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity	\$	586,027	\$	424,304	\$	396,929

# Guess?, Inc. and Subsidiaries Condensed Consolidated Cash Flow Data

(in thousands)

		Nine Mont	hs Enc	led
	O	October 1, 2005		tember 25, 2004
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$	91,604	\$	20,121
Net cash used in investing activities		(54,902)		(20,768)
Net cash used in financing activities		(3,732)		(3,443)
Effect of exchange rates on cash		(82)		(12)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		32,888		(4,102)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		106,003		67,163
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	\$	138,891	\$	63,061
Supplemental information:				
Depreciation and amortization	\$	25,719	\$	26,294
Rent		53,349		46,578

#### Guess?, Inc. and Subsidiaries Retail Store Data U.S. and Canada

	Nine Mont	hs Ended
	October 1, 2005	September 25, 2004
Number of stores at the beginning of the year	287	265
Store openings	27	16
Store closures	(9)	(12)
Number of stores at the end of the period	305	269
Total store square footage at the end of the period	1,521,000	1,390,000