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            UNITED STATES
            SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
            WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549
                                    FORM 10-Q
                                    (MARK ONE)
            /X/ Quarterly Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities
                        Exchange Act of }193
                    For the quarterly period ended September 27, 1998
                                    OR
        / / Transition Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities
                        Exchange Act of 1934
                For the transition period from to
                    Commission File Number 1-11893
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                    GUESS ?, INC.
                        (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)
            DELAWARE
                95-3679695
    (State or other jurisdiction of
                (I.R.S. Employer
    incorporation or organization)
                                    Identification No.)
                            1444 South Alameda Street
                Los Angeles, California, 90021
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                (Address of principal executive offices)
                    (213) 765-3100
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            (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)
Indicate by check mark whether Registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or \(15(d)\) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports) and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.
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As of November 11,1998 , the registrant had \(42,906,535\) shares of Common Stock, \(\$ .01\) par value, outstanding.
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            GUESS ?, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
        CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
            (in thousands, except share data)
                (Unaudited)
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## GUESS ?, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES <br> CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS <br> (in thousands, except share data) <br> (Unaudited)

$\left.\begin{array}{lll}\text { Dec 31, } \\ 1997\end{array}\right)$

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See accompanying notes to the condensed consolidated financial statements.
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GUESS ?, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF EARNINGS (in thousands, except per share data)
(Unaudited)


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GUESS ?, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
(in thousands)
(Unaudited)


GUESS ?, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (in thousands)<br>(Unaudited)

|  | Nine Mo | S Ended |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Sep 27, } \\ 1998 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Sep 28, } \\ 1997 \end{gathered}$ |
| Supplemental disclosures: |  |  |
| Cash paid during the period for: |  |  |
| Interest | \$14,741 | \$14,430 |
| Income taxes | 1,930 | 33,180 |

During the quarter ended March 30, 1997, the Company issued 216,216 shares of common stock with a value of $\$ 3.0$ million in connection with the acquisition of a license.

See accompanying notes to the condensed consolidated financial statements.

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GUESS ?, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
September 27, 1998
(1) Basis of Presentation

The unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the same basis as the audited condensed consolidated financial statements and, in the opinion of management, reflect all adjustments (consisting of normal recurring adjustments) necessary for a fair presentation for each of the periods presented. The results of operations for interim periods are not necessarily indicative of results to be achieved for full fiscal years.

The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Rule 10-01 of Regulation $S-X$ of the Securities and Exchange Commission. Accordingly, they have been condensed and do not include all of the information and footnotes required by generally accepted accounting principles for complete financial statements. For further information, refer to the consolidated financial statements and footnotes thereto included in the Company's annual report on Form $10-\mathrm{K}$ for the year ended December 31, 1997.
(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Earnings Per Share
Basic earnings per share represent net earnings divided by the weighted-average number of common shares outstanding for the period. Diluted earnings per share represent net earnings divided by the weighted-average number of shares outstanding, inclusive of the dilutive impact of common stock equivalents. During the three and nine months ended September 27, 1998 and September 28, 1997, the difference between basic and diluted earnings per share was due to the dilutive impact of options to purchase common stock.

Recently Issued Pronouncements
In June 1997, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 130, "Reporting Comprehensive Income" ("SFAS 130"). SFAS 130 establishes standards for the reporting and display of comprehensive income and its components (revenue, expenses, gains and losses) in a full set of general-purpose financial statements. SFAS 130 requires all items that are required to be recognized under accounting standards as components of comprehensive income be reported in a financial statement displayed with the same prominence as other financial statements. SFAS 130 does not require a specific financial statement format but requires an enterprise to display an amount representing total comprehensive income for the period covered by that financial statement. SFAS 130 requires an enterprise to (a) classify items of other comprehensive income by their nature in a financial statement and (b) display the accumulated balance of other comprehensive income separately from retained earnings and additional paid-in capital in the equity section of a statement of financial position. SFAS 130 is effective for fiscal years
beginning after December 15, 1997.
The Company adopted SFAS 130 on January 1, 1998. The only difference between "net earnings" and "comprehensive income" is the impact from foreign currency translation adjustments. Accordingly, a reconciliation of comprehensive income for the three and nine months ended September 27,1998 and September 28, 1997 is as follows (in thousands):


In June 1997, FASB issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 131, "Disclosures about Segments of an Enterprise and Related Information" ("SFAS 130"). SFAS 131 established standards for public business enterprises to report information about operating segments in annual financial statements and require those enterprises report selected information about operating segments in interim financial reports issued to shareholders. It also established standards for related disclosures about products and services, geographic areas and major customers. This statement supersedes FASB Statement No. 14, Financial Reporting for Segments of a Business Enterprise, but retains the requirement to report information about major customers. It amends FASB Statement No. 94, "Consolidation of All Majority-Owned Subsidiaries", to remove the special disclosure requirement for previously unconsolidated subsidiaries. SFAS 131 requires, among other items, that a public business enterprise report a measure of segment profit or loss, certain specific revenue and expense items, and segment assets information about the revenue derived from the enterprise's products or services and major customers. SFAS 131 also requires the enterprise report descriptive information about the way that the operating segments were determined and the products and services provided by the operating segments. SFAS 131 is effective for financial statements for periods beginning after December 15, 1997. In the initial year of application, comparative information for earlier years is to be restated. SFAS 131 need not be applied to interim financial statements in the initial year of application, but comparative information for interim periods in the initial year of application is to be reported in financial statements for interim periods in the second year of application. Management believes the adoption of SFAS 131 will not have a material impact on the Company's financial reporting.

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15, 1998. Earlier application is encouraged. Restatement of previously issued financial statements is not permitted. In the fiscal year in which the SOP 98-5 is first adopted, the application should be reported as a cumulative effect of a change in accounting principle. Management believes the adoption of SOP $98-5$ will not have a material impact on the Company's financial reporting.

In June 1998, the FASB issued SFAS No. 133 ("SFAS 133"), "Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities". SFAS No. 133 modifies the accounting for derivative and hedging activities and is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 1999. Since the Company does not presently invest in derivatives or engage in hedging activities, SFAS No. 133 will not impact the Company's financial position or results of operations.
(3) Inventories

The components of inventory consist of the following (in thousands):


## (4) Change in Accounting Principle

Effective January 1, 1997, the Company changed its method of accounting for product display fixtures located in its wholesale customers' retail stores, whereby the costs for such fixtures are capitalized and depreciated over five years using the straight-line method. In prior years, these costs had been expensed as incurred. The Company believes this method more closely matches the long-term benefit that the product display fixtures provides with the expected future revenue from such fixtures. The cumulative effect of the change in accounting principle, recorded in the first quarter of 1997, is calculated based upon the retroactive effect of applying the new accounting method to prior year fixture acquisitions. The cumulative effect of the change in accounting principle of $\$ 4.0$ million (after reduction of income tax expense of $\$ 2.7$ million) is included in earnings for the nine months ended September 28 , 1997.
(5) Income taxes

Income taxes for the interim periods were computed using the effective tax rate estimated to be applicable for the full fiscal year, which is subject to ongoing review and evaluation by management.

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ITEM 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

IMPORTANT FACTORS REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Various forward-looking statements have been made in this Form 10-Q.

Forward-looking statements may also be in the registrant's other reports filed under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, in its press releases and in other documents. In addition, from time to time, the registrant through its management may make oral forward-looking statements.

Forward-looking statements generally refer to future plans and performance, and are identified by the words "believe," "expect," "anticipate," "optimistic," "intend," "aim," "will" or other similar expressions. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which refer only as of the date on which they are made. The registrant undertakes no obligation to update publicly or revise any forward-looking statements. These statements involve risks and uncertainties, which may cause the Company's actual results in future periods or plans for future periods to differ materially from what is currently anticipated. Those risks include the timely availability and acceptance of products, the impact of competitive products, the appeal of the Company's new girl's line and other risks detailed from time to time in the Company's SEC reports, including those on Form $10-\mathrm{K}$ for the year ended December 31, 1997.

## overview

The Company derives its net revenue from the sale of Guess men's, women's and girl's apparel worldwide to wholesale customers and distributors; from the sale of Guess men's, women's and girl's apparel and its licensees' products through the Company's network of retail and factory stores located primarily in the United States; and from net royalties via worldwide licensing activities.

## RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

NET REVENUE. Net revenue decreased $\$ 12.2$ million or $8.6 \%$ to $\$ 130.2$ million in the third quarter ended September 27, 1998 from $\$ 142.4$ million in the third quarter ended September 28, 1997. Net revenue from wholesale operations decreased $\$ 10.3$ million or $15.2 \%$ to $\$ 58.1$ million from $\$ 68.4$ million, due principally to a $\$ 9.1$ million decline in domestic wholesale net revenue which resulted from increased competition in branded basic denim apparel. Net revenue from retail operations increased $\$ 2.0$ million or $3.5 \%$ to $\$ 60.5$ million from $\$ 58.5$ million in the quarter ended September 27 , 1998 , primarily attributable to increased volume generated by new store openings, partially offset by a 4.0\% decrease in comparable store net revenue. The decrease in comparable store net revenue was the result of a $13.2 \%$ decrease in comparable factory outlet stores, partially offset by an increase of $3.4 \%$ in comparable retail stores. The decrease in comparable factory outlet store net revenue was primarily due to product assortment changes. Net royalties decreased $\$ 3.9$ million or $25.4 \%$ in the quarter ended September 27, 1998 to $\$ 11.6$ million from $\$ 15.5$ million in the quarter ended September 28, 1997, primarily the result of the discontinuation of certain licenses that were brought back in-house, the termination of various under-performing licenses as well as the continuing economic turmoil and currency devaluation in Asian markets. Net revenue from international operations comprised $8.0 \%$ and $9.1 \%$ of the Company's net revenue during the first nine months of 1998 and 1997, respectively.

For the nine months ended September 27, 1998, net revenue decreased $\$ 57.7$ million or $14.5 \%$ to $\$ 339.0$ million from $\$ 396.7$ million for the nine months ended September 28, 1997. Net revenue from wholesale operations decreased $\$ 45.7$ million or $21.9 \%$ to $\$ 162.8$ million from $\$ 208.5$ million, primarily due to
decreases of $\$ 27.7$ million in domestic wholesale net revenue and $\$ 18.0$ milion in international net revenue. Domestic net revenue declined primarily due to increased competition in branded basic denim apparel, while international wholesale operations decreased primarily due to the sale of Guess? Italia operations in June 1997, which reflects the absence of $\$ 15.3$ million of net revenue recorded in the prior year. For the nine months ended September 27, 1998, net revenue from retail operations decreased $\$ 2.3$ million or $1.6 \%$ to $\$ 146.3$ million from $\$ 148.6$ million in 1997 , primarily attributable to a $12.7 \%$
decrease in comparable store net revenue, partially offset by increased volume generated by new store openings. The decrease in comparable store net revenue was primarily due to product assortment changes in the company's outlet stores and softening Pacific Rim tourism, which significantly impacted West Coast business. For the nine months ended September 27, 1998, net royalties decreased $\$ 9.7$ million or $24.5 \%$ to $\$ 29.9$ million from $\$ 39.6$ million in the nine months ended September 28, 1997, primarily the result of the discontinuation of certain licenses that were brought back in-house, the termination of various under-performing licenses as well as the continuing economic turmoil and currency devaluation in Asian markets. Net revenue from international operations comprised $8.7 \%$ and $12.0 \%$ of the Company's net revenue during the first nine months of 1998 and 1997, respectively.

GROSS PROFIT. Gross profit decreased $14.9 \%$ to $\$ 54.8$ million in the third quarter ended September 27, 1998 from $\$ 64.4$ million in the third quarter ended September 28, 1997. The decrease in gross profit resulted from decreased net revenue from product sales and net royalties. Gross profit from product sales decreased $11.6 \%$ to $\$ 43.2$ million in the third quarter ended September 27, 1998 from $\$ 48.9$ million in the third quarter ended September 28, 1997. Gross margin was $42.1 \%$ in the third quarter ended September 27 , 1998 compared to $45.2 \%$ in the third quarter ended September 28, 1997. Gross margin from product sales for the third quarter ended September 27, 1998 decreased to $36.5 \%$ from $38.5 \%$ for the third quarter ended September 28, 1997. The decrease in gross margin from product sales was primarily due to a higher percentage of sales to off-price retailers, which generally carry lower gross margin rates.

Gross profit decreased $19.4 \%$ to $\$ 145.5$ million in the nine months ended September 27, 1998 from $\$ 180.4$ million in the nine months ended September 28, 1997. The decrease in gross profit resulted primarily from decreased net revenue from product sales and net royalties. Gross profit from product sales decreased 17.9\% to $\$ 115.6$ million in the nine months ended September 27, 1998 from $\$ 140.8$ million in the nine months ended September 28, 1997. Gross margin was $42.9 \%$ in the nine months ended September 27,1998 compared to $45.5 \%$ in the nine months ended September 28, 1997. Gross margin from product sales for the nine months ended September 27, 1998 decreased to $37.4 \%$ from $39.4 \%$ for the nine months ended September 28, 1997. The decline in gross margin from product sales was primarily due to fixed store occupancy costs being spread over a lower comparable store revenue base in the 1998 period.

SG\&A EXPENSES. Selling, general and administrative ("SG\&A") expenses decreased $9.8 \%$ in the third quarter ended September 27,1998 to $\$ 35.4$ miliion, or $27.2 \%$ of net revenue, compared to $\$ 39.3$ million, or $27.6 \%$ of net revenue, in the third quarter ended September 28, 1997. SG\&A expenses also decreased in the nine months ended September 27, 1998 to $\$ 100.7$ million, or $29.7 \%$ of net revenue, from $\$ 111.7$ million, or $28.2 \%$ of net revenue, in the nine months ended September 28, 1997. The dollar decrease in SG\&A expenses was primarily due to cost reduction initiatives implemented in the fourth quarter of 1997 . As a percentage of net revenue, the increase in SG\&A expenses in the nine months ended September 27, 1998 was the result of fixed expenses being spread over a lower revenue base in the 1998 period.

EARNINGS FROM OPERATIONS. Earnings from operations decreased 23.0\% to \$19.4 million, or $14.9 \%$ of net revenue, in the third quarter ended September 27, 1998 from $\$ 25.1$ million, or $17.6 \%$ of net revenue, in the third quarter ended

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September 28, 1997. Earnings from operations decreased $34.8 \%$ to $\$ 44.8$ million, or $13.2 \%$ of net revenue, in the nine months ended September 27,1998 from $\$ 68.7$ million, or $17.3 \%$ of net revenue, in the nine months ended September 28, 1997. The decrease in earnings from operations was primarily due to lower revenue.

INTEREST EXPENSE, NET. Net interest expense decreased $8.4 \%$ to $\$ 3.2$ million in the third quarter ended September 27, 1998 from $\$ 3.5$ million in the same period in 1997. The decrease is due to lower outstanding debt partially offset by a higher average effective interest rate in 1998. For the third quarter ended

September 27, 1998, the average debt balance was $\$ 134.5$ million, with an average effective interest rate of $9.1 \%$. For the third quarter ended September 28, 1997, the average debt balance was $\$ 156.0$ million, with an average effective interest rate of $8.6 \%$. Net interest expense decreased $1.2 \%$ to $\$ 9.8$ million in the nine months ended September 27, 1998 from $\$ 9.9$ million in the nine months ended September 28, 1997, due to lower outstanding debt in 1998. For the nine months ended September 27, 1998, the average debt balance was \$142.1 million, with an average effective interest rate of $8.8 \%$. For the nine months ended September 28, 1997, the average debt balance was $\$ 143.2$ million, with an average effective interest rate of $8.8 \%$.

INCOME TAXES. The income tax provision for the third quarter ended September 27, 1998 was $\$ 6.2$ million, or a $39.0 \%$ effective tax rate. The income tax provision for the third quarter ended September 28 , 1997 was $\$ 8.6$ million, or a $39.6 \%$ effective tax rate. The income tax provision for the nine months ended September 27,1998 was $\$ 13.4$ million, or a $38.9 \%$ effective tax rate. The income tax provision for the nine months ended September 28, 1997 was $\$ 23.3$ million, or a $39.5 \%$ effective tax rate. The effective tax rates for both years was impacted by certain realized state tax credits and tax planning strategies.

NET EARNINGS BEFORE CUMULATIVE EFFECT OF CHANGE IN ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLE. Net earnings before the net cumulative effect of a change in accounting principle decreased $26.5 \%$ to $\$ 9.6$ million, or $7.4 \%$ of net revenue, in the third quarter ended September 27, 1998 from $\$ 13.1$ million, or $9.2 \%$ of net revenue, in the third quarter ended September 28, 1997. Net earnings before the cumulative effect of a change in accounting principle decreased 41.1\% to $\$ 21.0$ million, or $6.2 \%$ of net revenue, in the nine months ended September 27, 1998, from $\$ 35.7$ million, or $9.0 \%$ of net revenue, in the nine months ended September $28,1997$.

NET CUMULATIVE EFFECT OF CHANGE IN ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLE. Effective January 1, 1997, the Company changed its method of accounting for product display fixtures located in its wholesale customers' retail stores, whereby the costs for such fixtures are capitalized and depreciated over five years using the straight-line method. In prior years, these costs had been expensed as incurred. The Company believes this method more closely matches the long-term benefits that the product display fixtures provide with the expected future revenue from such fixtures. The cumulative effect of the change in accounting principle, recorded in the first quarter of 1997, is calculated based upon the retroactive effect of applying the new accounting method to prior year fixture acquisitions. The cumulative effect of the change in accounting principle of $\$ 4.0$ million (after reduction for income tax expense of $\$ 2.7$ million) is included in earnings for the nine months ended September 28, 1997.

NET EARNINGS. Net earnings decreased $26.5 \%$ to $\$ 9.6$ million, or $7.4 \%$ of net revenue, in the third quarter ended September 27, 1998, from $\$ 13.1$ million, or $9.2 \%$ of net revenue, in the same period in 1997. Net earnings decreased 47.0\% to $\$ 21.0$ million, or $6.2 \%$ of net revenue, in the nine months ended September 27, 1998, from $\$ 39.6$ million, or $10.0 \%$ of net revenue, in the nine months ended September 28, 1997.

## LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

The Company has relied primarily on internally generated funds, trade credit and bank borrowings to finance its operations and expansion. At September 27, 1998, the Company had working capital of $\$ 123.1$ million compared to $\$ 106.7$ million at December 31, 1997. The increase in working capital was primarily due to a seasonal $\$ 11.6$ million increase in inventory and $\$ 10.8$ million increase in net receivables.

The Company's Credit Agreement, as amended, provides for a $\$ 100.0$ million line of credit facility, which includes a $\$ 25.0$ million sublimit for letters of credit. At September 27, 1998, the Company had $\$ 19.9$ million in outstanding borrowings under the revolving credit facility, $\$ 1.6$ million in outstanding
standby letters of credit and $\$ 12.2$ million in outstanding commercial letters of credit. At September 27, 1998, the Company had $\$ 66.3$ million available for future borrowings under such facility. The revolving credit facility will expire in December 1999. The Credit Agreement contains various restrictive covenants requiring, among other things, the maintenance of certain financial ratios. The Company was in compliance with all such covenants as of September 27, 1998.

Capital expenditures, net of lease incentives granted, totaled $\$ 8.6$ million in the nine months ended September 27,1998 as compared to $\$ 32.1$ million in the nine months ended September 28, 1997. The Company anticipates that this lower spending trend will continue for the remainder of 1998 , consistent with its plan for reduced expenditures for new store openings and shop-in-shop remodeling and openings. During 1998, the Company has significantly slowed the rollout of new retail stores and closed under-performing stores in the United States in order to focus on improving the profitability and efficiency of existing stores.

The Company anticipates that it will be able to satisfy its ongoing cash requirements for the next twelve months for working capital and interest on the Company's Senior Subordinated Notes, primarily with cash flow from operations, supplemented, if necessary, by borrowings under its revolving Credit Agreement.

## SEASONALITY

The Company's business is impacted by the general seasonal trends characteristic of the apparel and retail industries. The Company's wholesale operations generally experience stronger performance in the first and third quarters, while retail operations are generally stronger in the third and fourth quarters. As the timing of the shipment of products may vary from year to year, the result for any particular quarter may not be indicative of results for the full year. The Company has not had significant overhead and other costs generally associated with large seasonal variations.

## INFLATION

The Company does not believe the relatively moderate rates of inflation experienced in the United States over the last three years have had a significant effect on its net revenue or profitability. Although higher rates of inflation have been experienced in a number of foreign countries in which the Company's products are manufactured, the Company does not believe they have had a material effect on the Company's net revenue or profitability.

EXCHANGE RATES
The Company receives United States Dollars ("USD") for substantially all of its product sales and licensing revenue. Inventory purchases from offshore contract manufacturers are primarily denominated in USD; however, purchase prices for the Company's products may be impacted by fluctuations in exchange
rates between the USD and the local currencies of the contract manufacturers, which may have the effect of increasing the Company's cost of goods in the future. In addition, royalties received from the Company's international licensees are subject to foreign currency translation fluctuations as a result of the net sales of the licensee being denominated in local currency and royalties being paid to the Company in USD. During the last three fiscal years, exchange rate fluctuations have not had a material impact on the Company's inventory costs. The Company currently does not engage in hedging activities with respect to such exchange rate risk.

## IMPACT OF RECENTLY ISSUED PRONOUNCEMENTS

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THE YEAR 2000 PROBLEM

Older computer software programs were written using two digits rather than four to define the applicable year. As a result, date-sensitive computer software may recognize a date using "00" as the year 1900 rather than the year 2000. This is generally referred to as "the Year 2000 problem". This situation could result in a system failure or miscalculations causing disruptions of operations, including among other things, a temporary inability to process transactions, send invoices or engage in similar normal business activities. The Company is also exposed to the risk that one or more of its suppliers could experience Year 2000 problems impacting the ability of such suppliers to provide goods and services. Though this is not considered a significant risk with respect to the suppliers of goods, due to the availability of alternative suppliers, the disruption of certain services, such as utilities, could, depending upon the extent of the disruption, have a material adverse impact on the company's operations.

The Company began its Year 2000 readiness assessment and remediation efforts in 1996. The effort was divided into 4 phases: Phase 1: Assessment, Phase 2: Remediation, Phase 3: Test and Certification and Phase 4: Contingency Plans. Phase 1 and Phase 2 included a review of all hardware and software systems, business functions and trading partners that contain and/or exchange date-sensitive information. Phases 1 and 2 are concluded and the Company estimates that it will complete its Phase 3 Testing and Certification efforts by mid-1999. The costs to change, replace and/or plan for the Year 2000 problem are estimated by the Company to be approximately $\$ 3$ million. The Company has engaged and will continue to engage external expertise to supplement internal staff.

The Company participates in industry specific committees to assess and understand the readiness of its supply chain and retail trading partners. The Company is in the process of developing it's Phase 4 Contingency Plan and anticipates it will be in place mid-1999. This includes the assessment of all non-IT systems with special focus on their impact to our Retail stores. There can be no assurance that the systems of other companies on which the Company's systems rely will be timely converted, or that a failure to convert by another
company, or a conversion that is incompatible with the Company's systems, would not have a material adverse effect on the Company.

ITEM 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risks.
None.

PART II. OTHER INFORMATION
ITEM 1. Legal Proceedings

On August 7, 1996, a class action complaint naming the Company and certain of its independent contractors was filed in the Superior Court of the State of California for the County of Los Angeles, titled as Brenda Figueroa et. al. v. Guess ?, Inc. et. al. (Case No. BC 155 165). In this case, an uncertified class action, plaintiffs assert claims for violation of state wage and hour laws, wrongful discharge, and breach of contract arising out of the company's relationship with its independent contractors and actions taken by the company's independent contractors with respect to the employees of such independent contractors. Plaintiffs also allege that the Company breached its agreement with the United States Department of Labor regarding the monitoring of its independent contractors.

The Union of Needletrades, Industrial \& Textile Employees ("UNITE") has filed with the National Labor Relations Board ("NLRB") various charges that the Company is engaging in unfair labor practices within the meaning of the National Labor Relations Act ("NLRA"). These charges include allegations that the Company has unlawfully threatened to move its production outside the United States. These allegations have been dismissed by the Regional Director for Region 21 of the NLRB and such dismissal has been appealed to the NLRB's Office of Appeals.

On July 7, 1998, UNITE filed charges against the Company alleging that the Company violated the NLRA by failing to uphold certain obligations under a prior settlement agreement with the NLRB, by denying pro-union employees access to the Company's facilities, by conferring new benefits to employees, by making false accusations against UNITE, by conducting video surveillance of UNITE's offices, and by assisting and organizing an anti-union demonstration. The NLRB has not issued a ruling on these charges.

On February 24, 1998, the Company and Maurice Marciano, Paul Marciano and Armand Marciano, as individuals, were named as defendants in a class action entitled John N. Robinson v. Guess ?, Inc., Maurice Marciano, Paul Marciano and Armand Marciano, case number BC186583, filed in the Los Angeles Superior Court. The complaint (the "Complaint") purported to state a claim under Sections 11 12 (a) (2) and 15 of the Securities Act of 1933 for alleged misrepresentations in connection with the Company's initial public offering (the "IPO") in August 1996. Mr. Robinson purported to represent a class of all purchasers of the Company's stock in the IPO and sought unspecified damages. Pursuant to an agreement amongst the parties, no response was filed to the complaint.

On October 1, 1998, Mr. Robinson filed an amended complaint ("The Amended Complaint") naming the same parties as defendants. In the Amended Complaint, Mr. Robinson purports to represent the same class of purchasers of the company's stock in its August 1996 IPO. As in the original complaint, the Amended Complaint purports to state claims under Sections $1112(a)(2)$ and 15 of the Securities Act of 1933 for alleged misrepresentations in connection with the Company's IPO. Under the schedule adopted by the Court, defendants have until December 15,1998 to respond to the Amended Complaint. While it is too soon to predict the outcome of the case with any certainty, the company believes that it has meritorious defenses to each of the claims asserted and intends to vigorously defend itself.

On October 26, 1998, Maurice Marciano, Paul Marciano and Armand Marciano, as individuals, (the "Marcianos"), as well as the Company, were named as defendants in a shareholder's derivative complaint entitled John N. Robinson
v. Maurice Marciano, Paul Marciano and Armand Marciano and Guess?, filed in the Los Angeles Superior Court. The complaint (the "Derivative Complaint") purports to state a claim for intentional breach of fiduciary duty, negligent breach of fiduciary duty, constructive fraud and abuse of control in connection with the Marcianos' management of the Company since its initial public offering (the "IPO") in August 1996. A response by the defendants to the Derivative Complaint
is not yet due. While it is too soon to predict the outcome of the case with any certainty, the defendants believe they have meritorious defenses to each of the claims asserted and intend to vigorously defend themselves.

The Company believes the outcome of one or more of the above cases could have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial condition and results of operations.

ITEM 2. Changes in Securities
None.
ITEM 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities
None.
ITEM 4. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders
None.
ITEM 5. Other Information
The Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") recently amended certain rules under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 regarding the use of a company's discretionary proxy voting authority with respect to shareholder proposals submitted to the Company for consideration at the Company's next annual meeting.

Shareholder proposals submitted to the Company outside the processes of Rule 14a-8 (i.e., the procedures for placing a shareholder's proposal in the Company's proxy materials) with respect to the Company's 1999 annual meeting of shareholders will be considered untimely if received by the Company after December 1, 1998. Accordingly, the proxy with respect to the Company's 1999 annual meeting of shareholders will confer discretionary authority to vote on any shareholder proposals received by the Company after December 1, 1998.

ITEM 6. Exhibits and Reports on Form 8-K
a) Exhibits:

Exhibit
Number Description

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3.1. Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Registrant. (1)
3.2. Bylaws of the Registrant. (1)
4.3. Specimen stock certificate. (1)
10.35.* Fourth Amendment and Consent to the Amended and Restated Revolving Credit Agreement by and between Guess ?, Inc. And BankBoston, N.A., F/K/A The First National Bank of Boston, Sanwa Bank California and the Financial Institutions Party Hereto.
27.1.* Financial Data Schedule
* Filed herewith
b) Reports on Form 8-K:

The Company did not file any reports on Form 8-K during the quarter ended September 27, 1998.

Pursuant to the requirements of Rule $12 \mathrm{~b}-15$ of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

## GUESS ?, INC.

Date: November 11, 1998
By: /s/ MAURICE MARCIANO

Maurice Marciano
Chairman of the Board, Chief Executive Officer and Director (Principal
Executive Officer)

Date: November 11, 1998
By: /s/ BRIAN L. FLEMING
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Brian L. Fleming
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (Principal
Financial Officer)

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10.35.* Fourth Amendment and Consent to the Amended and Restated Revolving
Credit Agreement by and between Guess ?, Inc. And BankBoston, N.A.,
F/K/A The First National Bank of Boston, Sanwa Bank California and the
Financial Institutions Party Hereto.
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            FOURTH AMENDMENT
                    TO
AMENDED AND RESTATED REVOLVING CREDIT AGREEMENT
                    BY AND BETWEEN
                    GUESS ?, INC.
                    AND
                            BANKBOSTON, N.A.
                            F/K/A THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF BOSTON,
                    SANWA BANK CALIFORNIA
AND THE FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS PARTY HERETO
            Dated as of August 14, 1998
                    FOURTH AMENDMENT
                    TO
AMENDED AND RESTATED REVOLVING CREDIT AGREEMENT
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This Fourth Amendment to Amended and Restated Revolving Credit Agreement (this "Agreement") is entered into as of August 14, 1998, by and between GUESS ?, INC., a Delaware corporation having its chief executive office at 1444 S. Alameda Street, Los Angeles, California, 90021 (the "Company") and BankBoston, N.A. formerly THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF BOSTON, a bank with its head offices at 100 Federal Street, Boston, Massachusetts, 02110 (the "Agent"), SANWA BANK CALIFORNIA, a bank with its head offices at 601 South Figueroa Street, Los Angeles, California 90017 (the "Co-Agent"), and THE FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS PARTIES HERETO (the "Lenders").

RECITALS

The parties hereto have previously entered into that certain Amended and Restated Revolving Credit Agreement, dated as of March 28, 1997 as amended by the First Amendment and Waiver to the Amended and Restated Revolving Credit

Agreement dated as of April 30, 1997, the Second Amendment and Consent to the Amended and Restated Revolving Credit Agreement dated as of January 30, 1998 and the Third Amendment and Consent to Amended and Restated Revolving Credit Agreement dated as of March 29, 1998 (collectively the "Credit Agreement");
A. By this Fourth Amendment, HSBC Business Loans, Inc. (AHSBC@) is added as a Lender and the Lenders and the Lender=s Percentage has been revised as provided on revised Schedule $J$ to the Fourth Amendment;
B. By an Assumption and Assignment Agreement of even date (the AAssignment and Assumption Agreement@), Sumitomo Bank of California has assigned its entire Commitment to $H S B C$ as reflected in Schedule J to the Fourth Amendment; and
C. The Company, the Agent and the Lenders have agreed to modify the Credit Agreement as provided below.

## AGREEMENT

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises and agreements contained in this Amendment and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto hereby agree to the above Recitals and as follows:

1. Definitions. All defined terms used herein without definition shall have the meanings assigned to them in the Credit Agreement.
2. Amendments to the Credit Agreement. From and after the date hereof the Credit Agreement is hereby amended as follows:
a. The Credit Agreement is amended by deleting the definition of ACommitment Amount@ and substituting the following definition to read as follows:

Commitment Amount . $\$ 100,000,000$ or any lesser amount, including zero, resulting from a termination or reduction of such amount in accordance with Section 2.5 or Section 7.2 .
b. Exhibit $J$ is amended in its entirety as provided in Exhibit $J$ to this Fourth Amendment.

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c. The Borrower shall execute and deliver to the Agent the Revolving Credit Notes in the form appended hereto as Exhibits A-1 through A-5 and shall receive from the Agent marked cancelled the Revolving Credit Notes dated March 31, 1998.
3. Conditions to Fourth Amendment.
a. The agreements of the Agent and the Lenders as set forth in this Fourth Amendment are subject to the fulfillment of the following conditions:
(1) Receipt by Agent of a copy of this Fourth Amendment Agreement executed by the Company, Retail, Licensing and the Lenders;
(2) Receipt by the Agent of (i) the opinion of counsel to the Company in form reasonably satisfactory to the counsel to the Agent; (ii) a certificate signed by the Secretary or Assistant Secretary of the Company certifying, among other things: (a) that the Articles of Incorporation of the Company has not been amended since the certificate delivered on , 1998, (b) that the By-laws of the Company has not been amended since the certificate delivered on December 31, 1997, (c) that the appended resolutions of the Company's Board of Directors authorizing the execution, delivery and performance of the Fourth Amendment to the Credit Agreement is in full force and effect, and
(d)affirmation as to the names, incumbency and signatures of the officers of the Company, Retail and Licensing executing the Fourth Amendment to Credit Agreement
and the other Loan Documents executed pursuant thereto;
(3) The occurrence of the Effective Date as defined under the Assignment and Assumption Agreement; and
(4) Such other documents, instruments and agreements as Agent may reasonably request in connection herewith or in order to effectuate the matters described herein.
4. Credit Agreement Remains in Full Force and Effect. Except for the amendments set forth in Section 2 hereof, no other amendment to the Credit Agreement is being made or implied by this Fourth Amendment and all provisions of the Credit Agreement shall remain in full force and effect, except as specifically amended by this Fourth Amendment.
5. Representations and Warranties; No Default or Event of Default.
a. The Company hereby confirms that the representations and warranties contained in Section 4 of the Credit Agreement are true and correct as of the date hereof (except to the extent that such representations and warranties relate to a prior date) and that no Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing on the date hereof.
b. The Guarantors, which have consented to this Fourth Amendment, hereby confirm that each of them is a Subsidiary for all purposes under the Credit Agreement and that all of the representations and warranties contained in Section 4 of the Credit Agreement are true and correct as of the date hereof as to each of the Guarantors.
6. Governing Law. This Amendment shall be construed in accordance with and governed by the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (without giving effect to any conflicts of laws provisions contained therein).
7. Fees and Expenses. The Company shall pay the Lenders' reasonable attorneys' fees and out-of-pocket expenses including, without limitation, other normal and customary charges for photocopying, facsimile transmission, overnight delivery, postage, long distance telephone calls and similar charges actually incurred in connection with this Fourth Amendment as of and through the date hereof.

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8. Counterparts. This Fourth Amendment may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which when executed and delivered shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one instrument. In making proof of this Fourth Amendment, it shall not be necessary to account for more than one counterpart hereof signed by each of the parties hereto. Except to the extent specifically amended or supplemented hereby, all of the items, conditions and provisions of the Credit Agreement shall remain unmodified, and the Credit Agreement, as amended and supplemented by this Fourth Amendment, is confirmed as being in full force and effect.

SIGNATURES ON NEXT PAGE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Fourth Amendment to be duly executed as of the day and the year first written above by their duly authorized officers.

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GUESS ?, INC.
By:
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Print Name:
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Title:
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BANKBOSTON, N.A.
formerly known as
THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF BOSTON (AS AGENT
AND LENDER)
By:
Print Name:
Title:
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SANWA BANK CALIFORNIA (AS CO-AGENT
AND LENDER)
By:
Print Name:
Title:
CREDIT LYONNAIS LOS ANGELES
BRANCH (AS LENDER)
By:
Print Name:
Title:
HSBC BUSINESS LOANS, INC.
(AS LENDER)
By:
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Print Name:
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Title:
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Acknowledged and Consented to:
GUESS ? RETAIL, INC.
By:
Print Name:
Title:
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GUESS? LICENSING, INC.
By:
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Print Name:

Title:

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|  | Total | Lender's |
|  | Commitment | Percentages |
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| 100 Federal Street |  |  |
| Mail Stop 01-09-05 |  |  |
| Boston, Massachusetts 02110 |  |  |
| Attention: Nancy Fuller, Director |  |  |
| Telecopier: (617)434-6685 |  |  |
| Sanwa Bank California | \$26,875,000 | $26.875 \%$ |
| Sanwa Bank Plaza |  |  |
| 601 South Figueroa Street |  |  |
| 10th Floor |  |  |
| Los Angeles, California 90017 |  |  |
| Attention: Nicole Garnier, Vice President Telecopier: (213)896-7090 |  |  |
| Credit Lyonnais | \$20,000,000 | $20.000 \%$ |
| Los Angeles Branch |  |  |
| 515 South Flower Street |  |  |
| Suite 2200 |  |  |
| Los Angeles, CA 90071 |  |  |
| Attention: Dianne Scott, Vice President Telecopier: (213) 623-3437 |  |  |
| HSBC Business Loans, Inc. 45 Milk Street | \$23,125,000 | $23.125 \%$ |
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[^0]:    See accompanying notes to the condensed consolidated financial statements.

