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American Eagle Outfitters Nominates Cary McMillan to Board of Directors

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WARRENDALE, Pa.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--April 18, 2007--American Eagle Outfitters, Inc. (NYSE:AEO) today announced the nomination of Cary McMillan to the company's board of directors. The election of Mr. McMillan, and three incumbent board members, will take place at the company's stockholders meeting on June 12, 2007. Upon election, Mr. McMillan will take the seat of retiring board member, Larry M. Wolf, who has served as a director since May 2003.

Since 2005, Mr. McMillan has been Chief Executive Officer of True Partners Consulting, LLC, a professional services firm providing tax and other financial services. Prior to this, from 1999 to 2004, he was Executive Vice President of Sara Lee Corporation, a member of the company's board of directors, and served as Chief Financial and Administrative Officer, and then Chief Executive Officer of Sara Lee Branded Apparel. Mr. McMillan currently serves on the board of directors of McDonald's Corporation and Hewitt Associates, Inc.

Jim O'Donnell, Chief Executive Officer of American Eagle Outfitters, commented, "I am extremely pleased with Cary's nomination to our board of directors. His depth of business experience and financial expertise make him a great addition to our board, as we continue to expand our brands, while driving strong earnings growth. On behalf of the board, I would like to thank Larry Wolf for his numerous contributions over the years."

About American Eagle Outfitters:

American Eagle Outfitters, Inc. (NYSE:AEO) is a leading retailer that operates under the American Eagle Outfitters and MARTIN + OSA brands.

American Eagle Outfitters designs, markets and sells its own brand of laidback, current clothing targeting 15 to 25 year-olds, providing high-quality merchandise at affordable prices. AE's original collection includes standards like jeans and graphic Ts as well as essentials like accessories, outerwear, footwear, basics and swimwear. American Eagle currently operates 835 stores in 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, and 73 AE stores in Canada. American Eagle also operates ae.com, which offers additional sizes and styles of favorite AE merchandise and ships around the world. The American Eagle brand also includes a new collection of dormwear and intimates, "aerie by American Eagle." aerie is available in American Eagle stores across the country and at aerie.com. It includes bras, undies, camis, hoodies, robes, boxers, sweats and leggings for the AE girl. Designed to be sweetly sexy, comfortable and cozy, aerie offers AE customers a new way to express their personal style everyday, from the dormroom to the coffee shop to the classroom.

The company introduced MARTIN + OSA, a new sportswear concept targeting 25 to 40 year-old women and men. MARTIN + OSA carries apparel, accessories and footwear, using denim and sport inspiration to design fun and sport back into sportswear. MARTIN + OSA currently operates eight stores. For additional information and updates, visit **martinandosa.com**.

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