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NEWS RELEASE

American Eagle Outfitters Reports March Sales of \$280 Million

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Same Store Sales Increase 15% Reiterates First Quarter EPS Guidance

PITTSBURGH, Apr 08, 2010 (BUSINESS WIRE) --American Eagle Outfitters, Inc. (NYSE: AEO) today announced that total sales for the five weeks ended April 3, 2010 increased 15% to \$280 million, compared to \$243 million for the five weeks ended April 4, 2009. Consolidated comparable store sales increased 15% for the month, compared to a 16% decrease for the same period last year.

Total sales for the year-to-date nine week period ended April 3, 2010 increased 11% to \$468 million, compared to \$420 million for the nine week period ended April 4, 2009. Comparable store sales increased 11% for the year-to-date period compared to the same nine week period last year.

The company is reiterating its first quarter non-GAAP earnings guidance of \$0.15 to \$0.17 per diluted share. This guidance excludes estimated charges and an operating loss related to the MARTIN+OSA business as outlined in the table which follows. These estimates are preliminary and based on a number of significant assumptions and could change materially. First quarter guidance compares to non-GAAP earnings of \$0.11 per diluted share, which excluded a tax benefit, a realized loss related to the sale of investment securities and operating loss related to MARTIN+OSA, as outlined in the table which follows.

To access the company's recorded monthly sales commentary, please dial (866) 514-0390, or internationally dial (585) 267-8021.

Non-GAAP Measures

This press release includes information on non-GAAP earnings per diluted share information. This measure is not based on any standardized methodology prescribed by U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP") and is not necessarily comparable to similar measures presented by other companies. The company believes that this non-GAAP information is useful as an additional means for investors to evaluate the company's operating performance, when reviewed in conjunction with the company's GAAP financial statements. This amount is not determined in accordance with GAAP and therefore, should not be used exclusively in evaluating the company's business and operations.

American Eagle Outfitters, Inc.

GAAP to Non-GAAP reconciliation

(unaudited)

	13 Weeks Ended	13 Weeks Ended	13 Weeks Ended
	May 1, 2010	May 1, 2010	May 2, 2009
	Low Range	High Range	
Diluted EPS on a GAAP basis	\$ -	\$0.02	\$0.11
Add back: Impact of store impairment	0.05	0.05	-
Add back: MARTIN+OSA operating loss and shut down costs	0.10	0.10	0.03
	0.15	0.17	0.14
Deduct: Tax Benefit	-	-	(0.04)
Add back: Impact of realized loss related to sale of investment securities	-	-	0.01
Non-GAAP Diluted EPS	\$0.15	\$0.17	\$0.11

American Eagle Outfitters, Inc., through its subsidiaries, ("AEO, Inc.") offers high-quality, on-trend clothing, accessories and personal care products at affordable prices. The American Eagle Outfitters(R) brand targets 15 to 25 year old girls and guys, with 938 stores in the U.S. and Canada and online at www.ae.com. aerie(R) by american eagle offers Dormwear(R) and intimates collections for the AE(R) girl, with 138 standalone stores in the U.S. and Canada and online at www.aerie.com. The latest brand, 77kids by american eagle(R), is available online only at www.77kids.com. The 77kids(R) brand offers "kid cool," durable clothing and accessories for kids ages two to 10. AE.COM(R), the online home of the brands of AEO, Inc., ships to more than 60 countries worldwide.

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and are subject to change based on factors beyond the company's control. Such factors include, but are not limited to the risk that the company's first quarter earnings expectations may not be achieved and the risks described in the Risk Factor Section of the company's Form 10-K and Form 10-Q filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Accordingly, the company's future performance and financial results may differ materially from those expressed or implied in any such forward-looking statements. The company does not undertake to publicly update or revise its forward-looking statements even if future changes make it clear that projected results expressed or implied will not be realized.

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