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NEWS RELEASE

American Eagle Outfitters Reports February Sales of \$177.2 Million

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Same Store Sales Decrease 7%

PITTSBURGH--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Mar. 5, 2009-- American Eagle Outfitters, Inc. (NYSE: AEO) today announced that total sales for the four weeks ended February 28, 2009 increased 1% to \$177.2 million, compared to \$175.1 million for the four weeks ended March 1, 2008. Comparable store sales decreased 7% for the month, compared to a 4% decrease for the same period last year.

The company expects fourth quarter earnings to be \$0.19 per diluted share, which excludes a non-cash charge of \$0.03 per diluted share related to the impairment of certain underperforming stores and investment securities. Fourth quarter results compare to EPS of \$0.66 per diluted share last year.

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

The company will announce fourth quarter earnings on Wednesday, March 11th. Management will host a conference call at 9:00 a.m. Eastern Time that morning. To listen to the call, please dial 1-877-407-0789 or internationally dial 1-201-689-8562. The conference call will also be simultaneously broadcast over the Internet at www.ae.com. Anyone unable to listen to the call can access a replay beginning March 11, 2009 at 12:00 p.m. Eastern Time. To listen to the replay, dial 1-877-660-6853, or internationally dial 1-201-612-7415, and reference account 3055 and confirmation code 311680. An audio replay of the conference call will also be available at www.ae.com.

Non-GAAP Measures

This press release includes information on non-GAAP earnings per 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.

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GAAP to Non-GAAP reconciliation

(unaudited)

	13 Weeks Ended January 31, 2009	13 Weeks Ended February 2, 2008
Diluted EPS on a GAAP basis	\$0.16	\$0.66
Add back: Impact of other-than-temporary auction rate security impairment	0.01	-
Add back: Impact of store impairment	0.02	-
Non-GAAP Diluted EPS	\$0.19	\$0.66

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® brand targets 15 to 25 year old girls and guys, with 953 stores in the U.S. and Canada and online at www.ae.com. aerie® by american eagle offers Dormwear® and intimates collections for the AE® girl, with 116 standalone stores in the U.S. and Canada and online at www.aerie.com. MARTIN + OSA® provides Refined Casual™ fashions for 28 to 40 year old men and women at its 28 stores and online at www.martinandosa.com. The latest brand, 77kids™ by american eagle™, is available online only at www.77kids.com. 77kids offers "kid cool," durable clothing and accessories for kids ages two to 10. AE.COM®, the online home of the brands of AEO, Inc. ships to more than 60 countries worldwide.

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