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American Eagle Outfitters Reports January Sales of \$138.9 Million; Same Store Sales Decrease 22%

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PITTSBURGH--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- American Eagle Outfitters, Inc. (NYSE: AEO) today announced that total sales for the four weeks ended January 31, 2009 decreased 15% to \$138.9 million, compared to \$163.9 million for the four weeks ended February 2, 2008. Comparable store sales decreased 22% for the month, compared to a 7% decrease for the same period last year.

Total sales for the quarter ended January 31, 2009 decreased 9% to \$905.7 million, compared to \$995.4 million for the quarter ended February 2, 2008. Comparable store sales decreased 16% for the quarter compared to the same period last year.

Total sales for the year ended January 31, 2009 decreased 2% to \$2.989 billion, compared to \$3.055 billion for the year ended February 2, 2008. Comparable store sales decreased 10% for the year compared to the same period last year.

The company continues to expect fourth quarter earnings to be in the range of \$0.19 to \$0.21 per share, which excludes any potential other-than-temporary impairment charge related to investment securities. This compares to fourth quarter EPS of \$0.66 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. The call can also be accessed through ae.com.

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 954 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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