



The Wet Seal, Inc. Announces Executive Resignation

FOOTHILL RANCH, Calif., Mar 15, 2005 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- Specialty retailer The Wet Seal, Inc. (Nasdaq:WTSLA) today announced that Joseph Deckop has resigned his position as Executive Vice President of The Wet Seal, Inc. to pursue other interests.

Mr. Deckop joined The Wet Seal, Inc. in August of 2003 as the Executive Vice President of Central Planning and Allocation. He was acting Chief Executive Officer for a brief period from November 2004 until January 2005, after the resignation of former CEO, Peter D. Whitford.

"I am grateful for the contributions Joe has made to The Wet Seal, Inc., during a very tough period of our business," said Joel Waller, chief executive officer. "He will be missed and we wish him all the best."

Headquartered in Foothill Ranch, California, The Wet Seal, Inc. is a leading specialty retailer of fashionable and contemporary apparel and accessory items. The company currently operates a total of 402 stores in 47 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, including 308 Wet Seal stores and 94 Arden B. stores. The company's products can also be purchased online at www.wetseal.com or www.ardenb.com. For more company information, visit www.wetsealinc.com.

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