



## The Wet Seal, Inc. Announces May Comparable Store Sales Declined 8.4%

FOOTHILL RANCH, Calif., Jun 04, 2009 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- The Wet Seal, Inc. (Nasdaq: WTSLA), a leading specialty retailer to young women, reported net sales and comparable store sales for the four-week period ended May 30, 2009, or fiscal May, as follows:

	Net Sales		Comparable Store Sales % Change	
	\$ in Millions	% Change From Last Year	This Year	Last Year
Wet Seal	\$ 33.5	-10.3%	-12.4%	1.8%
Arden B	8.5	2.3%	11.0%	-15.1%
Total	\$ 42.0	-8.0%	-8.4%	-2.0%

Ed Thomas, chief executive officer of The Wet Seal, Inc., commented: "While the retail environment remained challenging in May, we believe we also missed sales opportunities in our Wet Seal stores due to inventory mix imbalances, particularly among basic and fashion tops, dresses and accessories, which we identified during the past couple months. We are working through these issues and expect inventories to be well positioned by the end of July, when we enter the important back-to-school season."

Mr. Thomas continued, "We built further momentum at Arden B during May, with an increase in comparable store sales growth and ongoing strength in regular price sell-through. We are revitalizing the Arden B business by delivering new, fashionable merchandise at a reasonable price and are pleased with the turn that we have seen thus far in this business."

### About Wet Seal

Headquartered in Foothill Ranch, California, The Wet Seal, Inc. is a leading specialty retailer of fashionable and contemporary apparel and accessory items. As of May 30, 2009, the Company operated a total of 495 stores in 47 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, including 412 Wet Seal stores and 83 Arden B stores. The Company's products can also be purchased online at [www.wetseal.com](http://www.wetseal.com) or [www.ardenb.com](http://www.ardenb.com). For more company information, visit [www.wetsealinc.com](http://www.wetsealinc.com).

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