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## NOTIFICATION OF LATE FILING

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	For Period Ended	: January 29, 200	)5			
	☐ Transition Ren	oort on Form 10-K				
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	For the Transition	n Period				
	Ended:					
c		REGISTRANT I	NFORMATION			
	Stage Stores, Inc Full Name of Registi	rant				
Ī	Former Name if App	licable				
1	0201 Main Street					
Ā	Address of Principal	Executive Office (	Street and Number	)		
F	Houston, Texas 7702	25				
(	City, State and Zip C	Code				

## PART II — RULES 12b-25(b) AND (c)

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If the subject report could not be filed without unreasonable effort or expense and the registrant seeks relief pursuant to Rule 12b-25(b), the following should be completed. (Check box if appropriate)

- (a) The reason described in reasonable detail in Part III of this form could not be eliminated without unreasonable effort or expense
- (b) The subject annual report, semi-annual report, transition report on Form 10-K, Form 20-F, Form 11-K, Form N-SAR or Form N-CSR, or portion thereof, will be filed on or before the fifteenth calendar

- day following the prescribed due date; or the subject quarterly report or transition report on Form 10-Q, or portion thereof, will be filed on or before the fifth calendar day following the prescribed due date; and
- (c) The accountant's statement or other exhibit required by Rule 12b-25(c) has been attached if applicable.

## PART III — NARRATIVE

State below in reasonable detail the reasons why Forms 10-K, 20-F, 11-K, 10-Q, N-SAR, N-CSR, or the transition report or portion thereof, could not be filed within the prescribed time period.

Stage Stores, Inc. (the "Company") has experienced delays in completing the preparation and review of its consolidated financial statements due to its previously announced restatements related to the changes in its lease accounting practices. As a result, the Company is unable to complete and file its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the 2004 fiscal year by the prescribed filing date. The Company currently anticipates filing the 2004 Annual Report on or before April 29, 2005.

(Attach extra Sheets if Needed)

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# PART IV — OTHER INFORMATION

(1)	Name and telephone number of person to contact in regard to this notification									
	Robert J. Aronson		(800)	579-2302						
	(Name)		(Area Code)	(Telephone Number)						
(2)	Have all other periodic reports required under S Section 30 of the Investment Company Act of 1 that the registrant was required to file such reports	940	during the preceding 12 months	or for such shorter period						
(3)	Is it anticipated that any significant change in results of operations from the corresponding period for the last fiscal year will be reflected by the earnings statements to be included in the subject report or portion thereof?  Yes □ No.									
	If so, attach an explanation of the anticipated change, both narratively and quantitatively, and, if appropriate, state the reasons why a reasonable estimate of the results cannot be made.									
	For explanation, see attached Exhibit A, the news release issued by the Company on March 21, 2005, announcing its intended restatement of the Company's previously issued financial statements, as well as revisions to the unaudited 2004 earnings results and the 2005 guidance.									
	Stage Stores, Inc. (Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)									
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has caused this notification to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.										
Date	April 14, 2005	Ву	/s/ Michael E. McCreery							
			Michael E. McCreery							
			Chief Financial Officer							
INSTRUCTION: The form may be signed by an executive officer of the registrant or by any other duly authorized representative. The name and title of the person signing the form shall be typed or printed beneath the signature. If the statement is signed on behalf of the registrant by an authorized representative (other than an executive officer), evidence of the representative's authority to sign on behalf of the registrant shall be filed with the form.										
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