



DIVISION OF  
CORPORATION FINANCE

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

February 13, 2012

Via E-mail

Mr. Kevin G. Wills  
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer  
Saks Incorporated  
12 East 49<sup>th</sup> Street  
New York, New York 10017

**Re: Saks Incorporated**  
**Form 10-K for Fiscal Year Ended January 29, 2011**  
**Filed March 18, 2011**  
**File No. 1-13113**

Dear Mr. Wills:

We have completed our review of your filing. We remind you that our comments or changes to disclosure in response to our comments do not foreclose the Commission from taking any action with respect to the company or the filing and the company may not assert staff comments as a defense in any proceeding initiated by the Commission or any person under the federal securities laws of the United States. We urge all persons who are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of the disclosure in the filing to be certain that the filing includes the information the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and all applicable rules require.

Sincerely,

/s/ William H. Thompson

William H. Thompson  
Branch Chief