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# **SKECHERS to Launch BEBE SPORT Footwear**

MANHATTAN BEACH, Calif.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--

SKECHERS USA, Inc. (NYSE:SKX), a global leader in the lifestyle footwear industry, today announced that it has signed a licensing agreement with bebe stores, inc. (NASDAQ:BEBE) to design, develop and market BEBE SPORT women's footwear. The BEBE SPORT footwear line is set to launch in the United States in Spring 2008 with a campaign featuring actress Eva Longoria, the current face of BEBE SPORT. BEBE SPORT footwear will launch worldwide in coming seasons.

In line with bebe's distinctive line of contemporary apparel and accessories, the BEBE SPORT footwear collection is designed to appeal to the hip, sophisticated, body-conscious woman who wants to look sporty and sensual at the same time. BEBE SPORT footwear will be available at BEBE SPORT stores, better department stores, multi-branded footwear specialty chains and upscale footwear specialty boutiques.

"Bebe has an excellent reputation in the fashion industry and with consumers thanks to their approach of designing sophisticated yet sexy apparel to the often overlooked 21- to 35-year-old woman," began Michael Greenberg, president of SKECHERS. "They have built a store base of more than 280 locations and are strategically broadening their scope with brand extensions like BEBE SPORT. We are excited about partnering with this dynamite brand, one that has Eva Longoria as its face and almost 60 stores specific to the SPORT brand, and are looking forward to marketing an exceptional line of sport-influenced sneakers, sandals and casuals."

"We are very excited about our new partnership with SKECHERS, a company that truly understands the sport lifestyle footwear business," commented Greg Scott, CEO of bebe stores, inc. "Their expertise in product development combined with their reach across multiple distribution channels in the U.S. is key," continued Scott. "The company has a solid reputation around the world, as well as the logistics and infrastructure to deliver product to a multitude of fashion-savvy markets. This proficiency will be pivotal as we develop and expand BEBE SPORT into a global brand."

## **ABOUT BEBE SPORT**

bebe stores, inc. designs, develops and produces a distinctive line of contemporary women's apparel and accessories, which it markets under the bebe, COLLECTION bebe, BEBE SPORT, bbsp and bebe O brand names. bebe currently operates 285 stores, of which 206 are bebe stores, 20 are bebe outlet stores, 58 are BEBE SPORT stores and 1 is a bebe accessories store. These stores are located in the United States, U.S. Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico and Canada. In addition, there is an online store at [www.bebe.com](http://www.bebe.com).

## **ABOUT SKECHERS USA, Inc.**

SKECHERS USA, Inc., based in Manhattan Beach, California, designs, develops and markets a diverse range of footwear for men, women and children under the SKECHERS name, as well as under several uniquely branded names. SKECHERS footwear is available in the United States via department and specialty stores, SKECHERS-owned retail stores and its e-commerce website, as well as in over 100 countries and territories through SKECHERS' global network of distributors and subsidiaries in Canada, Brazil, Asia, and across Europe. Please visit [www.skechers.com](http://www.skechers.com) or call the SKECHERS information line at 877-INFO-SKX.

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