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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement STAGE STORES INC [SSI] Shein Oded (Month/Day/Year) 01/10/2011 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 10201 MAIN STREET (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) Director 10% Owner _X_ Form filed by One Reporting _X__ Officer _ Other Person HOUSTON, TXÂ 77025 (give title below) (specify below) Form filed by More than One EVP, CFO Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) **Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned** 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Ownership (Instr. 4) Ownership (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) D Â Common Stock $10,000 \frac{(1)}{}$ Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of	5. Ownership Form of Derivative	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D)	(

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Shares (I) (Instr. 5)

Stock Appreciation Rights 01/10/2013 01/10/2018 $\frac{\text{Common}}{\text{Stock}}$ 30,000 $\frac{(2)}{2}$ \$ 16.31 D \hat{A}

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Shein Oded

10201 MAIN STREET EVP, CFO HOUSTON, TXÂ 77025

Signatures

/s/ R.E. Stasyszen, Attorney in Fact for Oded
Shein
01/14/2011

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations, See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) On January 10, 2011, the reporting person was granted 10,000 shares of restricted common stock. The shares will vest, on a three-year cliff basis, on January 10, 2014.
 - On January 10, 2011, the reporting person was granted Stock Appreciation Rights (SARs) with respect to a total of 30,000 shares of common stock. The grant price for the SARs is \$16.31 per share of common stock, which is the closing price of the issuer's common
- (2) stock on the grant date. The shares will vest as follows: 15,000 shares on January 10, 2013, 7,500 shares on January 10, 2014, and 7,500 shares on January 10, 2015. They will expire on the earlier of (i) sixty days after termination of employment (one year if termination is due to death, disability or retirement), or (ii) seven years from the date of grant.

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