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Statement Under Oath of Principal Executive Officer Regarding Facts and Circumstances Relating to Exchange Act Filings

I, Peter Boneparth, President and Chief Executive Officer, state and attest that:

(1) To the best of my knowledge, based upon a review of the covered reports of Jones Apparel Group, Inc., and, except as corrected or supplemented in a subsequent covered report:

- no covered report contained an untrue statement of a material fact as of the end of the period covered by such report (or in the case of a report on Form 8-K or definitive proxy materials, as of the date on which it was filed); and
- no covered report omitted to state a material fact necessary to make the statements in the covered report, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading as of the end of the period covered by such report (or in the case of a report on Form 8-K or definitive proxy materials, as of the date on which it was filed).

(2) I have reviewed the contents of this statement with the Company's audit committee.

(3) In this statement under oath, each of the following, if filed on or before the date of this statement, is a "covered report":

- Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2001 of Jones Apparel Group, Inc.;
- all reports on Form 10-Q, all reports on Form 8-K and all definitive proxy materials of Jones Apparel Group, Inc. filed with the Commission subsequent to the filing of the Form 10-K identified above; and

• and amendments to any of the foregoing.

Peter Boneparth
Peter Boneparth
President and Chief Executive Officer
August 13, 2002
[Date]

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of August 2002.

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Katherine Blaukopf
Notary Public

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Commission Expires May 10, 2003

My Commission Expires: