



UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549-3561

Mail Stop 3561

January 30, 2008

Elizabeth McLaughlin  
Chief Executive Officer  
18305 E. San Jose Ave.  
City of Industry, California

**Re: Hot Topic, Inc.**  
**Form 10-K for fiscal year ended February 3, 2007**  
**Filed March 28, 2007**  
**File No. 000-28784**

Dear Ms. McLaughlin:

We have reviewed your filing and have the following comment. Where indicated, we think you should revise your document in response to this comment. If you disagree, we will consider your explanation as to why our comment is inapplicable. Please be as detailed as necessary in your explanation. You should comply with this comment in all future filings, as applicable. Please confirm in writing that you will do so and also explain to us how you intend to comply, within the time frame set forth below. Please understand that after our review of your response, we may raise additional comments.

The purpose of our review process is to assist you in your compliance with the applicable disclosure requirements and to enhance the overall disclosure in your filing. We look forward to working with you in these respects. We welcome any questions you may have about our comment or on any other aspect of our review. Feel free to call us at the telephone number listed at the end of this letter.

Executive Compensation

1. You have not provided a quantitative discussion of all of the terms of the necessary targets to be achieved for your named executive officers to earn their cash bonuses and performance share awards. We note that the Executive Bonus Plan provides cash bonuses based on achievement of certain specified financial goals. In addition, the Performance Share Award Program bases awards on achievement of enumerated performance goals. In future filings, please disclose the specific performance targets used to determine incentive amounts or provide a supplemental analysis as to why it is appropriate to omit these targets pursuant to

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Instruction 4 to Item 402(b) of Regulation S-K. To the extent that it is appropriate to omit specific targets, please provide the disclosure pursuant to Instruction 4 to Item 402(b). General statements regarding the level of difficulty, or ease, associated with achieving performance goals either corporately or individually are not sufficient. In discussing how likely it will be for the company to achieve the target levels or other factors, provide as much detail as necessary without providing information that poses a reasonable risk of competitive harm.

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#### Closing Comments

Please respond to this comment within 10 business days or tell us when you will provide us with a response. Please understand that we may have additional comments after reviewing your response to our comment.

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 all information required under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and that they have provided all information investors require for an informed investment decision. Since the company and its management are in possession of all facts relating to a company's disclosure, they are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of the disclosures they have made.

In connection with responding to our comments, please provide, in writing, a statement from the company acknowledging that:

- the company is responsible for the adequacy and accuracy of the disclosure in the filing;
- staff comments or changes to disclosure in response to staff comments do not foreclose the Commission from taking any action with respect to 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.

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In addition, please be advised that the Division of Enforcement has access to all information you provide to the staff of the Division of Corporation Finance in our review of your filing or in response to our comments on your filing.

Please direct questions to Dana Brown at 202-551-3859.

Sincerely,

John Reynolds  
Assistant Director