



WILLIAMS-SONOMA TO CUT JOBS ACROSS ALL AREAS OF COMPANY

San Francisco-based home furnishings retailer Williams-Sonoma will cut jobs across all areas of the company. The staff reductions were disclosed today in an e-mail to employees from CEO Howard Lester. The message didn't say how many jobs would be eliminated. The company may report a drop in sales of as much as 17% for fiscal 2008, Lester said. Williams-Sonoma sells kitchenwares, furniture and linens, as well as other housewares and home furnishings, along with a variety of specialty foods and gift items. It was founded in 1956 by Chuck Williams in Sonoma, California, selling professional and restaurant-quality kitchenwares for home use.

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