

VALUE CITY DEPARTMENT STORES, INC. REPORTS APRIL SALES

Columbus, Ohio --/ May 9/PR Newswire/-- Value City Department Stores, Inc. (NYSE:VCD) announced today total sales for the four weeks ended May 4, 2002, increased 5.3% to \$192.8 million from \$183.1 million for the four weeks ended May 5, 2001. Fiscal 2002 total sales include \$6.8 million attributable to operations of VCM Ltd. acquired effective February 2, 2002. The company's same store sales decreased 5.3 % for the four week period.

Total sales for the thirteen weeks ended May 4, 2002, increased 10.5% to \$585.9 million from \$530.1 million for the thirteen weeks ended May 5, 2001. Fiscal 2002 total sales include \$25.0 million attributable to operations of VCM Ltd. The company's same store sales were flat for the thirteen week period.

Retail sales statistics are as follows:

	Four weeks ended (\$ in thousands)			
	May 4, 2002		May 5, 2001	
	\$	%	\$	%
Total Sales				
Value City Department Stores	\$109,201	56.6	\$114,765	62.7
DSW Shoe Warehouse	58,537	30.4	46,018	25.1
Filene's Basement	25,018	13.0	22,353	12.2
	\$192,756	100.0	\$183,136	100.0

Comparable Sales Percentage				
Value City Department Stores		(9.2) %		(5.3) %
DSW Shoe Warehouse		0.1 %		7.6 %
Filene's Basement		5.0 %		18.9 %
		(5.3) %		(0.4) %

	Thirteen weeks ended (\$ in thousands)			
	May 4, 2002		May 5, 2001	
	\$	%	\$	%
Total Sales				
Value City Department Stores	\$359,225	61.3	\$344,842	65.0
DSW Shoe Warehouse	155,976	26.6	121,750	23.0
Filene's Basement	70,711	12.1	63,522	12.0
	\$585,912	100.0	\$530,114	100.0

Comparable Sales Percentage				
Value City Department Stores		(1.3) %		(6.5) %
DSW Shoe Warehouse		1.4 %		2.4 %
Filene's Basement		4.9 %		18.9 %
		0.0 %		(3.9) %

Value City Department Stores, Inc. is a leading off-price retailer currently operating 117 full-line department stores in the Midwest, mid-Atlantic and southeastern U.S., 21 Filene's Basement Stores and 110 better-branded DSW Shoe Warehouse Stores in major metropolitan areas throughout the country.

SOURCE: Value City Department Stores, Inc.

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