

**VALUE CITY DEPARTMENT STORES, INC. REPORTS OCTOBER
SAME STORE SALES INCREASE**

Columbus, Ohio --/ November 7/PR Newswire/-- Value City Department Stores, Inc. (NYSE:VCD) announced today total sales for the four weeks ended November 2, 2002, increased 11.0% to \$202,854 million from \$182,688 million for the four weeks ended November 3, 2001. Fiscal 2002 total sales include \$10.5 million attributable to operations of VCM Ltd. acquired effective February 2, 2002. The company's same store sales increased .5% for the four week period.

Total sales for the thirty-nine weeks ended November 2, 2002, increased 7.3% to \$1.8 billion from \$1.7 billion for the thirty-nine weeks ended November 3, 2001. Fiscal 2002 total sales include \$76.4 million attributable to operations of VCM Ltd. The company's same store sales decreased 3.0% for the thirty-nine week period.

Retail sales statistics are as follows:

	Four weeks ended (\$ in thousands)			
	November 2, 2002		November 3, 2001	
	\$	%	\$	%
Total Sales				
Value City Department Stores	\$117,255	57.8	\$110,919	60.7
DSW Shoe Warehouse	59,460	29.3	46,005	25.2
Filene's Basement	26,139	12.9	25,764	14.1
	\$202,854	100.0	\$182,688	100.0

Comparable Sales Percentage			
Value City Department Stores	(2.2) %		4.8 %
DSW Shoe Warehouse	7.5 %		(3.0) %
Filene's Basement	2.2 %		3.0 %
	0.5 %		3.0 %

	Thirty-nine weeks ended (\$ in thousands)			
	November 2, 2002		November 3, 2001	
	\$	%	\$	%
Total Sales				
Value City Department Stores	\$1,062,691	59.9	\$1,052,042	63.7
DSW Shoe Warehouse	485,002	27.4	388,885	23.6
Filene's Basement	224,271	12.7	210,067	12.7
	\$1,771,964	100.0	\$1,650,994	100.0

Comparable Sales Percentage			
Value City Department Stores	(4.9) %		(4.6) %
DSW Shoe Warehouse	0.3 %		0.4 %
Filene's Basement	1.9 %		2.3 %
	(3.0) %		(3.0) %

Value City Department Stores, Inc. is a leading off-price retailer currently operating 116 full-line department stores in the Midwest, mid-Atlantic and southeastern U.S., 20 Filene's Basement Stores and 124 better-branded DSW Shoe Warehouse Stores in major metropolitan areas throughout the country.

SOURCE: Value City Department Stores, Inc.

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