

**VALUE CITY DEPARTMENT STORES, INC. REPORTS FEBRUARY  
SAME STORE SALES INCREASE OF 1.7%**

Columbus, Ohio --/ March 7/PR Newswire/-- Value City Department Stores, Inc. (NYSE:VCD) announced today total sales for the four weeks ended March 2, 2002, increased 11.7% to \$156.2 million from \$139.9 million for the four weeks ended March 3, 2001. Fiscal 2002 total sales include \$7.4 million attributable to operations of VCM Ltd. acquired effective February 2, 2002. The company's same store sales increased 1.7% for the four week period.

Retail sales statistics are as follows:

	Four weeks ended (\$ in thousands)			
	March 2, 2002		March 3, 2001	
	\$	%	\$	%
<b>Total Sales</b>				
Value City Department Stores	\$100,416	64.3	\$92,985	66.5
DSW Shoe Warehouse	36,842	23.6	29,461	21.1
Filene's Basement	18,932	12.1	17,444	12.4
	\$156,190	100.0	\$139,890	100.0
<b>Comparable Sales Percentage</b>				
Value City Department Stores		1.4 %		(8.0)%
DSW Shoe Warehouse		0.5 %		(0.6)%
Filene's Basement		5.9 %		n/a
		1.7 %		(6.5)%

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., 20 Filene's Basement Stores and 105 better-branded DSW Shoe Warehouse Stores in major metropolitan areas throughout the country.

SOURCE: Value City Department Stores, Inc.

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