

**VALUE CITY DEPARTMENT STORES, INC. REPORTS MARCH
SAME STORE SALES INCREASE OF 3.6%**

Columbus, Ohio --/ April 11/PR Newswire/-- Value City Department Stores, Inc. (NYSE:VCD) announced today total sales for the five weeks ended April 6, 2002, increased 14.4% to \$237.0 million from \$207.1 million for the five weeks ended April 7, 2001. Total sales for the five weeks ended April 6, 2002 include \$10.8 million attributable to operations of VCM Ltd. acquired effective February 2, 2002. The company's same store sales increased 3.6 % for the five week period.

Total sales for the nine weeks ended April 6, 2002, increased 13.3% to \$393.2 million from \$347.0 million for the nine weeks ended April 7, 2001. Total sales for Fiscal 2002 include \$18.2 million attributable to operations of VCM Ltd. The company's same store sales increased 2.8 % for the nine week period.

Retail sales statistics are as follows:

	Five weeks ended (\$ in thousands)			
	April 6, 2002		April 7, 2001	
	\$	%	\$	%
Total Sales				
Value City Department Stores	\$149,609	63.1	\$137,092	66.2
DSW Shoe Warehouse	60,591	25.6	46,291	22.4
Filene's Basement	26,761	11.3	23,725	11.4
	\$236,961	100.0	\$207,108	100.0

Comparable Sales Percentage			
Value City Department Stores	3.5 %		(6.5)%
DSW Shoe Warehouse	3.5 %		(1.3)%
Filene's Basement	4.1 %		n/a
	3.6 %		(5.4)%

	Nine weeks ended (\$ in thousands)			
	April 6, 2002		April 7, 2001	
	\$	%	\$	%
Total Sales				
Value City Department Stores	\$250,024	63.6	\$230,077	66.3
DSW Shoe Warehouse	97,438	24.8	75,732	21.8
Filene's Basement	45,693	11.6	41,169	11.9
	\$393,155	100.0	\$346,978	100.0

Comparable Sales Percentage			
Value City Department Stores	2.6 %		(7.1)%
DSW Shoe Warehouse	2.3 %		(1.0)%
Filene's Basement	4.8 %		n/a
	2.8 %		(5.9)%

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 108 better-branded DSW Shoe Warehouse Stores in major metropolitan areas throughout the country.

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