

VALUE CITY DEPARTMENT STORES, INC. REPORTS AUGUST SALES

Columbus, Ohio --/ September 4/PR Newswire/-- Value City Department Stores, Inc. (NYSE:VCD) announced today total sales for the four weeks ended August 30, 2003, increased 8.7% to \$205.1 million from \$188.7 million for the four weeks ended August 31, 2002. The company's same store sales increased 4.2% for the four week period.

Total sales for the thirty weeks ended August 30, 2003, increased 4.1% to \$1.40 billion from \$1.34 billion for the thirty weeks ended August 31, 2002. The company's same store sales decreased 0.7% for the thirty week period.

Retail sales statistics are as follows:

	<u>Four weeks ended (\$ in thousands)</u>			
	<u>August 30, 2003</u>		<u>August 31, 2002</u>	
	\$	%	\$	%
Total Sales				
Value City Department Stores	\$123,842	60.4	\$120,626	63.9
DSW Shoe Warehouse	56,478	27.5	44,944	23.8
Filene's Basement	24,762	12.1	23,128	12.3
	<u>\$205,082</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>\$188,698</u>	<u>100.0</u>

Comparable Sales Percentage				
Value City Department Stores		2.8 %		(6.5) %
DSW Shoe Warehouse		7.6 %		(3.6) %
Filene's Basement		5.8 %		0.3 %
		<u>4.2 %</u>		<u>(5.1) %</u>

	<u>Thirty weeks ended (\$ in thousands)</u>			
	<u>August 30, 2003</u>		<u>August 31, 2002</u>	
	\$	%	\$	%
Total Sales				
Value City Department Stores	\$803,258	57.4	\$816,324	60.7
DSW Shoe Warehouse	431,867	30.9	359,755	26.8
Filene's Basement	163,083	11.7	167,612	12.5
	<u>\$1,398,208</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>\$1,343,691</u>	<u>100.0</u>

Comparable Sales Percentage				
Value City Department Stores		(1.1) %		(4.1) %
DSW Shoe Warehouse		1.2 %		(0.8) %
Filene's Basement		(2.5) %		2.6 %
		<u>(0.7) %</u>		<u>(2.6) %</u>

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., 21 Filene's Basement Stores in the Northeast and 133 better-branded DSW Shoe Warehouse Stores in major metropolitan areas throughout the country.

SOURCE: Value City Department Stores, Inc.

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