

VALUE CITY DEPARTMENT STORES, INC. REPORTS FEBRUARY SALES

Columbus, Ohio --/ March 6/PR Newswire/-- Value City Department Stores, Inc. (NYSE:VCD) announced today total sales for the four weeks ended March 1, 2003, decreased 7.2% to \$145.0 million from \$156.2 million for the four weeks ended March 2, 2002. The company's same store sales decreased 12.1% for the four week period.

Retail sales statistics are as follows:

	Four weeks ended (\$ in thousands)			
	March 1, 2003		March 2, 2002	
	\$	%	\$	%
Total Sales				
Value City Department Stores	\$88,739	61.2	\$100,416	64.3
DSW Shoe Warehouse	39,977	27.6	36,842	23.6
Filene's Basement	16,298	11.2	18,932	12.1
	\$145,014	100.0	\$156,190	100.0
Comparable Sales Percentage				
Value City Department Stores		(11.2) %		1.4 %
DSW Shoe Warehouse		(14.2) %		0.5 %
Filene's Basement		(13.2) %		5.9 %
		(12.1) %		1.7 %

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

SOURCE: Value City Department Stores, Inc.

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