

VALUE CITY DEPARTMENT STORES, INC. REPORTS MARCH SALES

Columbus, Ohio --/ April 10/PR Newswire/-- Value City Department Stores, Inc. (NYSE:VCD) announced today total sales for the five weeks ended April 5, 2003, increased 0.3% to \$237.7 million from \$237.0 million for the five weeks ended April 6, 2002. The company's same store sales decreased 4.4% for the five week period.

Total sales for the nine weeks ended April 5, 2003, decreased 2.7% to \$382.7 million from \$393.2 million for the nine weeks ended April 6, 2002. The company's same store sales decreased 7.5% for the nine week period.

Retail sales statistics are as follows:

	<u>Five weeks ended (\$ in thousands)</u>			
	<u>April 5, 2003</u>		<u>April 6, 2002</u>	
	\$	%	\$	%
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Total Sales				
Value City Department Stores	\$137,807	58.0	\$149,609	63.1
DSW Shoe Warehouse	75,297	31.7	60,591	25.6
Filene's Basement	24,567	10.3	26,761	11.3
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	\$237,671	100.0	\$236,961	100.0
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Comparable Sales Percentage				
Value City Department Stores		(7.4) %		3.5 %
DSW Shoe Warehouse		2.7 %		3.5 %
Filene's Basement		(3.0) %		4.1 %
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		(4.4) %		3.6 %
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	<u>Nine weeks ended (\$ in thousands)</u>			
	<u>April 5, 2003</u>		<u>April 6, 2002</u>	
	\$	%	\$	%
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Total Sales				
Value City Department Stores	\$226,548	59.2	\$250,024	63.6
DSW Shoe Warehouse	115,275	30.1	97,438	24.8
Filene's Basement	40,865	10.7	45,693	11.6
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	\$382,688	100.0	\$393,155	100.0
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Comparable Sales Percentage				
Value City Department Stores		(8.9) %		2.6 %
DSW Shoe Warehouse		(3.9) %		2.3 %
Filene's Basement		(7.4) %		4.8 %
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		(7.5) %		2.8 %
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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 in the Northeast 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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