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Dear Sirs

In accordance with the provisions of Rule 12g 3-2(b) of the Securities Exchange Act 1934 ("The Act"), I enclose a copy of an announcement that was filed with the London Stock Exchange today.

The enclosed material shall not be deemed "filed" with the Commission or otherwise subject to the liabilities of Section 18 of the Act.

Please acknowledge receipt by signing and returning the attached copy of this letter.

Yours faithfully

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Sarah Carne  
Manager – Secretariat Services

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Attached: Debenhams plc – January Trading Statement

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Announcement Details

<b>Company</b>	Debenhams PLC
<b>TIDM</b>	DEB
<b>Headline</b>	Trading Statement
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Full Announcement Text

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RNS Number: 9578P  
Debenhams PLC  
15 January 2002

Debenhams plc - Trading Statement

- Strong sales growth over the Christmas period and start of the Sale
- Robust track record achieved over the last two years
- All major product categories and all stores performing well

During the 12 weeks to Saturday 12 January 2002 like for like sales were up 8.5%. All our 97 stores are performing well and all our major product categories are achieving strong levels of sales growth.

In the 19 weeks to Saturday 12 January 2002, total sales rose by 10.1% and like for like sales were up 7.2%. The gross margin was level and terminal stock levels were lower than the previous year. These figures have been achieved against strong comparatives during the same period last year when like for like sales were up over 5%.

Belinda Earl, Chief Executive, commented:

"We were delighted with our sales over the Christmas period and during the start of the Sale. These strong results were achieved against challenging comparatives last year and clearly demonstrate our sustained sales momentum."

As previously advised, we will publish our Interim Results on 16 April 2002.

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