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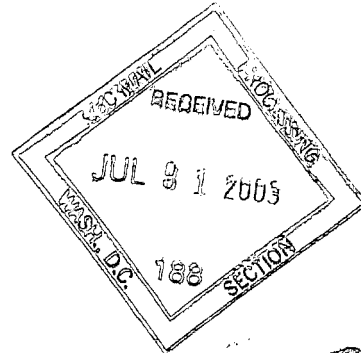
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Dear Sirs

In accordance with the provisions of Rule 12g 3-2(b) of the Securities Exchange Act 1934 ("The Act"), I enclose an announcement that was filed with the London Stock Exchange on 22 July 2003.

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

Yours faithfully

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Sarah Carne  
Manager - Secretariat Services

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Attached: Debenhams plc - Trading Statement July 2003.

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LONDON--(BUSINESS WIRE)--July 22, 2003--

Debenhams plc ('Debenhams' or 'Company') Trading statement

For the 20 weeks to Saturday 19 July 2003, total sales were up 7.8% with like for like sales up 3.8% and the gross margin up 0.6%. Like for like sales over the last 10 weeks, including the first 2 weeks of the Summer Sale, have been up approximately 5%.

Belinda Earl, Chief Executive of Debenhams plc, commented:

'Debenhams continues to trade well and in line with our expectations. We are benefiting from the ongoing investment in our stores and the brand. Our womenswear business is on an improving trend with young fashion brands showing strong sales growth.'

The Company announced on 29 June 2003 that it had received an approach from a further party. The Company can confirm that this approach was made by CVC Capital Partners and Texas Pacific Group ('CVC/TPG'). Discussions are continuing with both CVC/TPG and Permira Advisers Limited.

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