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## **Delta Apparel Declares Dividend Payment**

DULUTH, Ga., Aug 15, 2002 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- Delta Apparel, Inc. (AMEX:DLA) announced in a meeting held today, its Board of Directors declared a dividend of ten cents per common share of stock.

The dividend is payable September 16, 2002 to shareholders of record as of the close of business on September 3, 2002.

Robert W. Humphreys, President and CEO, commented, "We are excited by our fourth quarter and fiscal year 2002 results and the current growth in Delta Apparel. We are pleased to announce the second dividend payment to be made to our shareholders to further reward them for their investment in Delta Apparel."

Delta Apparel, Inc. is a vertically integrated manufacturer and marketer of high quality knit apparel. The Company specializes in selling undecorated T-shirts, golf shirts and tank tops to distributors, screen printers and private label accounts. Delta Apparel has operations in six states, two company-operated sewing facilities in Honduras and one company-operated sewing facility in Mexico. The Company employs about 3,100 worldwide.

Statements and other information in this press release that are not reported financial results or other historical information are forward-looking statements. These are based on Delta Apparel's expectations and are necessarily dependent upon assumptions, estimates and data that the Company believes are reasonable and accurate but may be incorrect, incomplete or imprecise. Forward-looking statements are also subject to a number of business risks and uncertainties, any of which could cause actual results to differ materially from those set forth in or implied by the forward-looking statements. These risks and uncertainties include, among others, changes in the retail demand for apparel products, the cost of raw materials, competitive conditions in the apparel and textile industries, the relative strength of the United States dollar as against other currencies, changes in United States trade regulations and the discovery of unknown conditions (such as with respect to environmental matters and similar items). Accordingly, any forward-looking statements do not purport to be predictions of future events or circumstances and may not be realized. The Company does not undertake to publicly update or revise the forward-looking statements even if it becomes clear that any projected results will not be realized.

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