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Delta Apparel Declares Dividend Payment

DULUTH, Ga., Oct 22, 2002 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- Delta Apparel, Inc. (AMEX:DLA) announced that on October 21, 2002 its Board of Directors declared a dividend of five cents per common share of stock.

The dividend is payable November 18, 2002 to shareholders of record as of the close of business on November 6, 2002. This dividend is pursuant to the Company's previously announced quarterly dividend program, adjusted in connection with the 2-for-1 stock split that was effective on September 20, 2002.

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.

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