Gordmans Selects Supply Chain Execution Solutions From HighJump Software to Manage Flow-Through Retail Distribution

HighJump Software, a 3M company, the global leader in providing highly adaptable, best-of-breed supply chain execution solutions, today announced that Gordmans Inc., an Omaha-based apparel and home fashions retailer, has selected its Supply Chain Advantage suite to effectively manage flow-through retail distribution. Gordmans chose the HighJump system to support its rapidly expanding operations and the associated increase in supply chain complexity. The company will implement HighJump's retail-specific functionality in its 380,000-square-foot distribution center, also located in Omaha.

Gordmans, an everyday low price retailer, operates 51 stores in 11 states with plans to expand to 55 stores in 12 states by the end of 2005. The supply chain complexities behind this growing business model include handling an increasing number of SKUs and vendors. Gordmans views the HighJump solution as a means to manage this growth more effectively, while sharpening operational efficiency and inventory accuracy.

HighJump's solutions will empower Gordmans to move inventory through its facility quickly, streamlining the flow of millions of hanging garments and other products. Gordmans will leverage HighJump's cross-docking functionality to route inbound shipments from hundreds of suppliers directly to its stores.

The HighJump system also will help Gordmans with the value-added services of making items more "store ready." By directing and controlling activities, such as ticketing, at the distribution center level, Gordmans anticipates a more rapid and efficient receipt of merchandise at each of its stores. With a greater variety of product reaching the store floor faster, Gordmans welcomes such process change as another way to improve the customer experience.

"The HighJump application was selected because of its flexibility to meet our needs and the lower long-term costs associated with the maintenance of the package," said Ron Hall, vice president of operations, Gordmans.

"HighJump has a strong track record in the retail industry," said Chris Heim, president of HighJump Software. "We're pleased to support Gordmans in their efforts to tighten supply chain operations and take advantage of new opportunities for expansion."

About Gordmans Inc.

Gordmans features a large selection of the latest styles and name brands at up to 60 percent off department and specialty store prices every day. The wide range of merchandise includes apparel for all ages, accessories, footwear, home fashions, gifts, designer fragrances, fashion jewelry, bedding and bath, accent furniture, and toys. For more information about Gordmans, visit www.gordmans.com.

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HighJump Software, a 3M company, is the global leader in providing highly adaptable, best-of-breed supply chain execution solutions that streamline manufacturing and distribution from the point of source through consumption. HighJump's tightly integrated solutions empower operational excellence in the warehouse and optimize the flow of inventory throughout the supply chain by facilitating collaboration with customers, suppliers and trading partners. These comprehensive solutions combine robust, standard functionality; a best practices-based implementation methodology; and a uniquely adaptable architecture that facilitates fast, cost-effective

system modifications. The result: the industry's lowest total cost of ownership for more than 700 satisfied customers worldwide. As an independent subsidiary in the 3M family of companies, HighJump leads the SCE software industry in financial strength and delivers on an unmatched commitment to innovation and quality. HighJump leverages these advantages to continually expand its solution footprint and empower operational excellence for domestic and multinational customers. For more information about HighJump, visit www.highjump.com.

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