



AutoZone Files Debt Shelf Registration

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MEMPHIS, Tenn., Oct 1, 2002 /PRNewswire-FirstCall via COMTEX/ -- AutoZone, Inc. (NYSE: AZO), today announced that it has filed a shelf registration with the Securities and Exchange Commission. This filing will allow AutoZone, Inc. to sell as much as \$500 million in debt securities to fund general corporate purposes, including repaying, redeeming or repurchasing existing debt, and or working capital, capital expenditures, new store openings, stock repurchases, and acquisitions.

As of August 31, 2002, AutoZone sells auto and light truck parts, chemicals and accessories through 3,068 AutoZone stores in 44 states plus the District of Columbia, 39 AutoZone stores in Mexico and online at AutoZone.com. AutoZone also sells automotive diagnostic and repair software through ALLDATA, and alldatadiy.com.

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