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JDN REALTY CORPORATION ANNOUNCES DISMISSAL OF STOCKHOLDER SUITS WITH PREJUDICE

ATLANTA, GA (January 30, 2003) — JDN Realty Corporation (NYSE: JDN) today announced that it has obtained dismissals with prejudice of the two purported class action lawsuits that were pending against JDN in connection with its proposed merger with Developers Diversified Realty Corporation. As previously announced, the lawsuits had been filed in the Superior Court of Fulton County, Atlanta, Georgia and in the Circuit Court for Baltimore, Maryland and alleged, among other things, claims of breach of fiduciary duty, waste, abuse of control and unjust enrichment.

The plaintiffs and their counsel have agreed to dismiss each of these lawsuits with prejudice and without the payment by JDN of any fees or other settlement amounts. With these dismissals, all shareholder litigation arising out of the proposed merger with DDR has been concluded.

The special meeting of JDN shareholders to approve the proposed merger with DDR has been adjourned until Thursday, February 6, 2003 at 1:00 p.m. Eastern Time in order to provide JDN with additional time to solicit votes for the approval of the proposed merger.

The Board of Directors of each of JDN and DDR has unanimously approved the transaction. Institutional Shareholder Services (ISS), the nation's leading proxy advisory service, has recommended that its clients vote in favor of the transaction.

Approval of the proposed merger by the JDN shareholders requires the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the outstanding shares of common stock. JDN shareholders are urged to vote FOR approval of the proposed merger with DDR. The failure to vote your shares will have the same effect as a vote against the proposed merger.

If you have questions or need assistance voting your shares, please call Georgeson Shareholders toll-free at 1-866-870-4476.

JDN is a real estate company specializing in the development and asset management of retail shopping centers anchored by value-oriented retailers. Headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia, JDN owns and operates directly or indirectly 98 properties, containing approximately 11.1 million square feet of gross leasable area, located in 19 states. The common stock and preferred stock of JDN are listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbols "JDN" and "JDNPrA," respectively.

For additional information, visit JDN's home page on the Internet at www.jdnrealty.com

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Additional Information about the Merger and Where to Find It

DDR has filed a registration statement on Form S-4, containing a joint proxy statement/prospectus and other relevant documents, with the SEC concerning the proposed merger transaction between DDR and JDN. YOU ARE URGED TO READ THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT CONTAINING THE JOINT PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS AND ANY OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS FILED OR THAT WILL BE FILED WITH THE SEC WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT DDR, JDN AND THE TRANSACTION. You may obtain the registration statement containing the joint proxy statement/prospectus and other documents free of charge at the SEC's web site, www.sec.gov. In addition, you may obtain documents filed with the SEC by DDR free of charge by requesting them in writing from DDR Investor Relations, 3300 Enterprise Parkway, Beachwood, Ohio 44122, telephone: (216) 755-5500. You may obtain documents filed with the SEC by JDN free of charge by requesting them in writing from JDN Investor Relations, 359 E. Paces Ferry Road, Suite 400, Atlanta, Georgia 30305, telephone: (404) 262-3252.

DDR and JDN, and their respective directors and executive officers and other members of their management and employees, may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from the stockholders of DDR and JDN in connection with the merger. Information about the directors and executive officers of DDR and their ownership of DDR shares is set forth in the proxy statement for DDR's 2002 annual meeting of shareholders. Information about the directors and executive officers of JDN and their ownership of JDN stock is set forth in the proxy statement for JDN's 2002 annual meeting of stockholders. Investors may obtain additional information regarding the interests of such participants by reading the joint proxy statement/prospectus.