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**Big Lots Provides Relief to West Virginians
Affected by Chemical Spill**

Company Donates 3 Truckloads of Bottled Water for Community Distribution

COLUMBUS, OH (Jan. 14, 2014) -- Big Lots (NYSE: BIG) is providing bottled water to residents in the Charleston, West Virginia, area after a chemical spill. The ban on drinking tap water affected approximately 300,000 residents in a nine-county area.

"We understand the health concerns and inconvenience of being without safe water," said CEO David Campisi. "We hope to help the residents of Charleston, including many of our associates, as they try to restore normalcy back to their lives."

A total of 3 truckloads of bottled water — approximately 84,000 bottles — will be distributed at established pick-up locations. The company has worked with The Department of Homeland Security, West Virginia National Guard, and Kanawha County Emergency Services. Residents in need of water should contact those agencies for details.

About Big Lots, Inc.

Big Lots is America's largest broadband closeout retailer. As of the end of the third quarter of fiscal 2013, we operated 1,525 BIG LOTS stores in 48 states. For more information, visit www.biglots.com.