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SCHEDULE 14A INFORMATION
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BRANTLEY CAPITAL CORPORATION

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BRANTLEY CAPITAL CORPORATION RESPONDS TO
PRELIMINARY PROXY FILING BY DISSIDENT STOCKHOLDER

CLEVELAND, JULY 3, 2002 - Brantley Capital Corporation (Nasdaq: BBDC) today made the following statement in response to the filing of preliminary proxy materials by Phillip Goldstein:

"We are disappointed but not surprised by Phil Goldstein's preliminary proxy filing. Goldstein is a self-interested dissident stockholder who has a track record of looking only after his own interests, usually at the expense of all other stockholders.

"Goldstein offers Brantley stockholders nothing more than rhetoric and an unrealistic liquidation 'scheme' that would only erode stockholder value. We believe that anyone who has an understanding of how a business development company operates will agree that liquidation is not a viable option. A premature sale of Brantley's investments would likely cause the Company to accept far lower proceeds than it could realize if those investments were held long enough for the Company to exit in an orderly fashion consistent with its long-term goal.

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"Brantley has a clear, workable plan, including an expansion of our mezzanine investment portfolio, which we are confident will reduce the discount between our stock price and net asset value. We believe that the business plan we are pursuing will enhance value for all stockholders."

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

On June 27, 2002, Brantley Capital Corporation (Brantley) filed a preliminary proxy statement with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) relating to Brantley's solicitation of proxies from the stockholders of Brantley with respect to the Brantley 2002 Annual Meeting of Stockholders. Brantley will prepare and file with the SEC a definitive proxy statement relating to its solicitation of proxies. SECURITY HOLDERS ARE ADVISED TO READ THE DEFINITIVE PROXY STATEMENT AND OTHER PROXY MATERIALS WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE, BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION. The preliminary proxy statement is, and the definitive proxy statement (when it becomes available) will be, available for free at <http://www.sec.gov>. Detailed information regarding the names, affiliation and interests of individuals who may be deemed participants in the solicitation of proxies of Brantley's shareholders is available in the preliminary proxy statement filed with the SEC on Schedule 14A on June 27, 2002.

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FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

The information contained in this press release contains forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements are subject to inherent uncertainties in predicting future results and conditions. Certain factors could cause actual results and conditions to differ materially from those projected in these forward-looking statements, and these factors are enumerated in the company's periodic filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

ABOUT BRANTLEY CAPITAL CORPORATION

Brantley Capital Corporation is a publicly traded business development company primarily providing equity and long-term debt financing to small and medium-sized private companies throughout the United States. The Company's investment objective is to achieve long-term capital appreciation in the value of its investments and to provide current income primarily from interest, dividends and fees paid by its portfolio companies. For further information, please visit the Company's website at <http://www.BrantleyCapital.com>.

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