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Spartan Stores Announces Intent to Sell Assets of Pharm Retail Stores

GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN- April 3, 2008-Spartan Stores, Inc., (Nasdaq: SPTN) today announced that it has entered into an agreement to sell certain assets of 12 of its 14 Pharm retail stores to Rite Aid Corporation. The Company is in negotiations to sell certain assets of its remaining two Pharm stores in independent transactions. Completion of the sale is subject to customary due diligence by Rite Aid Corporation. Proceeds from the sale will be used to help fund the Company's previously disclosed strategic growth objectives. Additional information on the transaction will be disclosed following closing of the sale which is expected to occur in 45 to 60 days.

Commenting on the transaction, Craig C. Sturken, Spartan's Chairman and Chief Executive Officer said, "The Pharm stores have been a good business for Spartan Stores and it is staffed with hard working and dedicated associates, making this divestiture transaction a more difficult decision. Divesting these stores, however, will allow us to concentrate efforts and resources on business opportunities with the best long-term growth potential and focus more on our core distribution and conventional supermarket operations. The transaction also provides the Pharm associates with good employment opportunities within Rite Aid."

About Spartan Stores

Grand Rapids, Michigan-based Spartan Stores, Inc., (Nasdaq:SPTN) is the nation's tenth largest grocery distributor with warehouse facilities in Grand Rapids and Plymouth, Michigan. The Company distributes more than 40,000 private-label and national brand products to nearly 400 independent grocery stores in Michigan, Indiana and Ohio. Spartan Stores also owns and operates 88 retail supermarkets and 14 deep-discount food and drug stores in Michigan and Ohio, including Family Fare Supermarkets, Glen's Markets, D&W Fresh Markets, Felpausch Food Centers, and The Pharm.

About Rite Aid

Rite Aid Corporation is one of the nation's leading drugstore chains with more than 5,000 stores in 31 states and the District of Columbia with fiscal 2008 sales of more than \$24.3 billion and approximately 115,000 associates. Rite Aid currently operates 242 stores in Ohio, including 40

stores in northwestern Ohio. Information about Rite Aid, including corporate background and press releases, is available through the company's website at www.riteaid.com.