



Costco Wholesale Corporation Announces Quarterly Cash Dividend

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ISSAQUAH, Wash.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Jan. 26, 2006--Costco Wholesale Corporation (Nasdaq: COST) today announced that its Board of Directors has declared a quarterly cash dividend on Costco Wholesale common stock. The dividend of \$0.115 per share is payable February 24, 2006, to shareholders of record at the close of business on February 9, 2006.

Costco currently operates 471 warehouses, including 346 in the United States and Puerto Rico, 66 in Canada, 17 in the United Kingdom, five in Korea, four in Taiwan, five in Japan and 28 in Mexico. The Company also operates Costco Online, an electronic commerce web site, at www.costco.com and at www.costco.ca in Canada. The Company plans to open an additional 20 to 22 new warehouses, including the relocation of two warehouses to larger and better-located facilities, prior to the end of its 53-week 2006 fiscal year ending on September 3, 2006.

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