



Costco Wholesale Corporation Reports Third Quarter and Year-To-Date Operating Results for Fiscal 2020

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ISSAQUAH, Wash., May 28, 2020 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Costco Wholesale Corporation ("Costco" or the "Company") (Nasdaq: COST) today announced its operating results for the third quarter (12 weeks) and the first 36 weeks of fiscal 2020, ended May 10, 2020.

Net sales for the quarter increased 7.3 percent, to \$36.45 billion from \$33.96 billion last year. Net sales for the first 36 weeks increased 7.8 percent, to \$110.94 billion from \$102.90 billion last year.

Comparable sales for the third quarter fiscal 2020 were as follows:

	12 Weeks	12 Weeks Adjusted*	36 Weeks	36 Weeks Adjusted*
U.S.	5.9%	8.0%	6.6%	7.1%
Canada	-2.5%	3.0%	3.1%	5.0%
Other International	6.2%	12.2%	5.7%	7.9%
Total Company	<u>4.8%</u>	<u>7.8%</u>	<u>6.0%</u>	<u>6.9%</u>
E-commerce	<u>64.5%</u>	<u>66.1%</u>	<u>31.8%</u>	<u>32.3%</u>

*Excluding the impacts from changes in gasoline prices and foreign exchange.

Reported net income for the third quarter was \$838 million, or \$1.89 per share, which was negatively impacted by \$283 million pretax, or 47 cents per diluted share, from incremental wage and sanitation costs related to COVID-19. Last year's reported third quarter net income was \$906 million, or \$2.05 per diluted share, which included the benefit of a non-recurring tax item of \$73 million, or 16 cents per share.

Net income for the first 36 weeks was \$2.61 billion, or \$5.89 per diluted share, compared to \$2.56 billion, or \$5.79 per diluted share, last year.

Costco currently operates 787 warehouses, including 547 in the United States and Puerto Rico, 100 in Canada, 39 in Mexico, 29 in the United Kingdom, 26 in Japan, 16 in Korea, 13 in Taiwan, 12 in Australia, two in Spain, and one each in Iceland, France, and China. Costco also operates e-commerce sites in the U.S., Canada, the United Kingdom, Mexico, Korea, Taiwan, Japan, and Australia.

A conference call to discuss these results is scheduled for 2:00 p.m. (PT) today, May 28, 2020, and is available via a webcast on www.costco.com (click on Investor Relations and "Play Webcast").

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COSTCO WHOLESALE CORPORATION
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME
(dollars in millions, except per share data) (unaudited)

	12 Weeks Ended		36 Weeks Ended	
	May 10, 2020	May 12, 2019	May 10, 2020	May 12, 2019
REVENUE				
Net sales	\$ 36,451	\$ 33,964	\$ 110,943	\$ 102,903
Membership fees	815	776	2,435	2,302
Total revenue	37,266	34,740	113,378	105,205
OPERATING EXPENSES				
Merchandise costs	32,249	30,233	98,538	91,576
Selling, general and administrative	3,830	3,371	11,305	10,310
Preopening expenses	8	14	29	45
Operating income	1,179	1,122	3,506	3,274
OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE)				
Interest expense	(37)	(35)	(109)	(105)
Interest income and other, net	21	36	101	104
INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAXES	1,163	1,123	3,498	3,273
Provision for income taxes	311	207	843	679
Net income including noncontrolling interests	852	916	2,655	2,594
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests	(14)	(10)	(42)	(32)
NET INCOME ATTRIBUTABLE TO COSTCO	\$ 838	\$ 906	\$ 2,613	\$ 2,562
NET INCOME PER COMMON SHARE ATTRIBUTABLE TO COSTCO:				
Basic	\$ 1.90	\$ 2.06	\$ 5.91	\$ 5.83
Diluted	\$ 1.89	\$ 2.05	\$ 5.89	\$ 5.79
Shares used in calculation (000's):				
Basic	442,322	439,859	442,054	439,767
Diluted	443,855	442,642	443,754	442,565

COSTCO WHOLESALE CORPORATION
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
(amounts in millions, except par value and share data) (unaudited)

Subject to Reclassification	September 1, 2019	
	May 10, 2020	2019
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 10,826	\$ 8,384
Short-term investments	948	1,060
Receivables, net	1,507	1,535
Merchandise inventories	11,010	11,395
Other current assets	963	1,111
Total current assets	25,254	23,485
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT		
Land	6,684	6,417

