



## Costco Wholesale Corporation Reports October Sales Results

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ISSAQUAH, WA, Nov 02, 2006 (MARKET WIRE via COMTEX News Network) -- Costco Wholesale Corporation ("Costco") (NASDAQ: COST) today reported net sales of \$4.59 billion for the month of October, the four weeks ended October 29, 2006, an increase of 8 percent from \$4.26 billion in the same four-week period last year.

For the first nine weeks of its reporting period ended October 29, 2006, the Company reported net sales of \$10.15 billion, an increase of 8 percent from \$9.40 billion during the similar nine-week period of the prior year.

Comparable sales for the four-week and nine-week periods ended October 29, 2006, were as follows:

	4 Weeks	9 Weeks
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US	2%	2%
International	11%	11%
Total Company	4%	4%
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Costco currently operates 493 warehouses, including 364 in the United States and Puerto Rico, 68 in Canada, 18 in the United Kingdom, five in Korea, four in Taiwan, five in Japan and 29 in Mexico. The Company also operates Costco Online, an electronic commerce web site, at [www.costco.com](http://www.costco.com) and at [www.costco.ca](http://www.costco.ca) in Canada. The Company plans to open an additional 11 new warehouses prior to the end of calendar year 2006.

Additional discussion of these sales results is available on a pre-recorded telephone message. You can access the recording by dialing 1-877-836-2673 (conference ID 2328213). This recorded message will be available today through 5:00 p.m. (PT) on Friday, November 3, 2006.

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