



Costco Wholesale Corporation Reports August Sales Results

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ISSAQUAH, WA, Sep 05, 2007 (MARKET WIRE via COMTEX News Network) -- Costco Wholesale Corporation ("Costco") (NASDAQ: COST) today reported net sales of \$4.84 billion for the month of August, the four weeks ended September 2, 2007, an increase of 6 percent from \$4.56 billion in the same four-week period last year.

Net sales for the fiscal 2007 fourth quarter, the sixteen weeks ended September 2, 2007, were \$20.06 billion, an increase of 3 percent from \$19.50 billion in the seventeen-week fourth quarter of fiscal 2006 ended September 3, 2006.

Net sales for the 52-week fiscal year 2007 were \$63.06 billion, an increase of 7 percent from \$58.96 billion in the 53-week fiscal year 2006 ended September 3, 2006.

Comparable sales for the four-week retail-reporting month of August, the 16-week fourth quarter and the 52-week fiscal year 2007 are as follows:

	4 Weeks -----	16 Weeks -----	52 Weeks -----
US	1%	4%	5%
International	8%	9%	9%
Total Company	2%	5%	6%

Additional discussion of these sales results is available on a pre-recorded telephone message. You can access the recording by dialing 1-800-642-1687 (conference 15757641). This recorded message will be available today through 5:00 p.m. (PT) on Friday, September 7, 2007.

Costco ended its 52-week fiscal year on September 2, 2007 with 518 warehouses in operation, including 383 in the United States and Puerto Rico, 71 in Canada, 19 in the United Kingdom, five in Korea, four in Taiwan, six in Japan and 30 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 14 to 15 new warehouses, including the relocation of four warehouses to larger and better-located facilities, in the first four months of fiscal 2008, prior to the end of calendar year 2007.

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