



Costco Wholesale Corporation Announces Quarterly Cash Dividend

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ISSAQUAH, Wash.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Nov. 7, 2005--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 December 2, 2005, to shareholders of record at the close of business on November 18, 2005.

Costco currently operates 465 warehouses, including 342 in the United States and Puerto Rico, 65 in Canada, 17 in the United Kingdom, five in Korea, four in Taiwan, five in Japan and 27 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 six new warehouses prior to the end of calendar year 2005.

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