



## Costco Wholesale Corporation Reports March Sales Results

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ISSAQUAH, WA -- (Marketwired) -- 04/10/14 -- Costco Wholesale Corporation ("Costco" or the "Company") (NASDAQ: COST) today reported net sales of \$10.43 billion for the month of March, the five weeks ended April 6, 2014, an increase of eight percent from \$9.67 billion during the similar five-week period last year. This year's five-week period included 35 days of sales compared to 34 last year, reflecting the timing of Easter. This calendar shift positively impacted this year's net and comparable sales by an estimated one to one and one-half percent.

For the thirty-one weeks ended April 6, 2014, the Company reported net sales of \$64.65 billion, an increase of six percent from \$61.02 billion during the similar period last year.

Comparable sales for the five and thirty-one week periods were as follows:

	5 Weeks	31 Weeks
U.S.	6%	4%
International	4%	1%
Total Company	5%	3%

Comparable sales for these periods, excluding negative impacts from gasoline price deflation and foreign exchange, were as follows:

	5 Weeks	31 Weeks
U.S.	6%	5%
International	9%	7%
Total Company	7%	5%

Additional discussion of these sales results is available in a pre-recorded telephone message. You can access the recording by dialing 1-855-859-2056 (conference ID 96616831). This message will be available today through 5:00 p.m. (PT) on Friday, April 11, 2014.

The Company plans to release its operating results for the third quarter (12 weeks) of fiscal 2014 ending May 11, 2014, on May 29, 2014. A conference call to discuss these results is scheduled for 8:00 a.m. (PT) that day and will be available via webcast on [www.costco.com](http://www.costco.com) (click on Investor Relations and "webcasts").

Costco currently operates 650 warehouses, including 462 in the United States and Puerto Rico, 87 in Canada, 33 in Mexico, 25 in the United Kingdom, 19 in Japan, 10 in Taiwan, 9 in Korea and five in Australia. Costco also operates electronic commerce web sites in the U.S., Canada, the United Kingdom and Mexico.

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