



Costco Wholesale Corporation Responds to Partial Verdict

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ISSAQUAH, WA -- (Marketwired) -- 09/29/16 -- Costco Wholesale Corporation ("Costco" or the "Company") (NASDAQ: COST) announced its response to the partial jury verdict returned today in the case brought by Tiffany & Co. Proceedings will immediately follow concerning the jury's determination that Tiffany & Co. is entitled to an award of punitive damages. Because the jury's deliberations are continuing, further comment is not appropriate at this time.

Costco currently operates 715 warehouses, including 501 in the United States and Puerto Rico, 91 in Canada, 36 in Mexico, 28 in the United Kingdom, 25 in Japan, 12 in Korea, 12 in Taiwan, eight in Australia and two in Spain. The Company plans to open up to an additional nine new warehouses (including one relocation) before the end of calendar year 2016. Costco also operates e-commerce web sites in the U.S., Canada, the United Kingdom, Mexico, Korea and Taiwan.

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