Costco Wholesale Corporation Reports November Sales Results

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ISSAQUAH, WA, Dec 06, 2007 (MARKET WIRE via COMTEX News Network) -- Costco Wholesale Corporation ("Costco") (NASDAQ: COST) today reported net sales of $5.72 billion for the month of November, the four weeks ended December 2, 2007, an increase of 13 percent from $5.04 billion in the same four-week period last year.

For the first thirteen weeks of its reporting period ended December 2, 2007, the Company reported net sales of $16.98 billion, an increase of 12 percent from $15.20 billion during the similar thirteen-week period last year.

Comparable sales for the four-week and thirteen-week periods ended December 2, 2007, were as follows:

	4 Weeks	13 Weeks
US	6%	6%
International	21%	17%
Total Company	9%	8%

The U.S. comparable sales figure includes, among other things, the effect of recent gasoline price inflation, with the average sales price per gallon of gasoline up 35% year-over-year for the month of November. Excluding gasoline price inflation, U.S. comparable sales in November would have been 4%. In addition, significantly stronger foreign exchange rates, particularly in Canada and the U.K., positively impacted November's international comparable sales results. On a local currency basis, international comparable sales increased 7% in November.

The Company plans to release its operating results for the first quarter (12 weeks) of its fiscal year 2008 ended November 25, 2007, on December 13th. A conference call to discuss these first quarter results is scheduled for 8:00 a.m. (PT) that day and will be available via a webcast on www.costco.com (click on Investor Relations and "Webcasts").

Costco currently operates 528 warehouses, including 388 in the United States and Puerto Rico, 75 in Canada, 19 in the United Kingdom, five in Korea, five 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 one additional new warehouse prior to the end of calendar year 2007 -- on Friday, December 7th in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

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 ID 17957258). This recorded message will be available today through 5:00 p.m. (PT) on Friday, December 7, 2007.

Certain statements contained in this document and the pre-recorded telephone message constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. For these purposes, forward-looking statements are statements that address activities, events, conditions or developments that the Company expects or anticipates may occur in the future. Such forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties that may cause actual events, results or performance to differ materially from those indicated by such statements. These risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to, domestic and international economic conditions including exchange rates, the effects of competition and regulation, consumer and small business spending patterns and debt levels, conditions affecting the acquisition, development, ownership or use of real estate, actions of vendors, rising costs associated with employees (including health care and workers' compensation costs), rising costs associated with the acquisition of merchandise (including the direct and indirect effects of the rising cost of petroleum-based products and fuel and energy costs), geopolitical conditions and other risks identified from time to time in the Company's public statements and reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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