Costco Wholesale Corporation Announces a Quarterly Cash Dividend

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Costco Wholesale Corporation ("Costco" or the "Company") (NASDAQ: COST) today announced that its Board of Directors declared a quarterly cash dividend on Costco Wholesale common stock. The dividend of $.205 per share is payable November 12, 2010, to shareholders of record at the close of business on October 29, 2010.

Costco currently operates 573 warehouses, including 417 in the United States and Puerto Rico, 79 in Canada, 22 in the United Kingdom, seven in Korea, six in Taiwan, nine in Japan, one in Australia and 32 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 up to nine additional warehouses in the next three months of fiscal 2011, prior to the end of calendar year 2010.

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