



Costco Wholesale Corporation Announces Quarterly Cash Dividend

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ISSAQUAH, WA -- (Marketwired) -- 07/22/13 -- Costco Wholesale Corporation ("Costco" or the "Company") (NASDAQ: COST) today announced that on July 21, 2013, its Board of Directors declared a quarterly cash dividend on Costco common stock of \$.31 per share. The quarterly dividend is payable August 23, 2013, to shareholders of record at the close of business on August 9, 2013.

Costco currently operates 629 warehouses, including 450 in the United States and Puerto Rico, 85 in Canada, 33 in Mexico, 25 in the United Kingdom, 15 in Japan, nine in Taiwan, nine in Korea and three in Australia. The Company plans to open up to an additional five new warehouses prior to the end of its fiscal year on September 1, 2013. Costco also operates electronic commerce web sites, at www.costco.com (U.S.), www.costco.ca (Canada), and www.costco.co.uk (United Kingdom).

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