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TO: INTERESTED PARTIES

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RE: Additional First Quarter and Fiscal 2013 Information - Costco Wholesale Corporation

The attached information is provided to address questions about Costco Wholesale's First Quarter and Fiscal 2013 results (dollars in millions).

1. Calculation of Diluted Earnings Per Share – see attached.
2. What was the effect of the Foreign Exchange rates for FY 2013? FY 2012? FY 2011?

CANADA (CN \$ vs. US \$)

Exchange Rates	FY 2013	FY 2012	FY 2011
1st Quarter	1.0131	.9891	.9776
2nd Quarter	-	.9828	.9982
3rd Quarter	-	1.0060	1.0312
4th Quarter	-	.9886	1.0294
Total/YTD	1.0131	.9914	1.0107

UK (Pound vs. US \$)

Exchange Rates	FY 2013	FY 2012	FY 2011
1st Quarter	1.6059	1.5837	1.5795
2nd Quarter	-	1.5606	1.5743
3rd Quarter	-	1.5898	1.6261
4th Quarter	-	1.5678	1.6245
Total/YTD	1.6059	1.5748	1.6029

JAPAN (YEN vs. US \$)

Exchange Rates	FY 2013	FY 2012	FY 2011
1st Quarter	.01263	.01300	.01206
2nd Quarter	-	.01293	.01206
3rd Quarter	-	.01231	.01214
4th Quarter	-	.01264	.01259
Total/YTD	.01263	.01271	.01224

KOREA (WON vs. US \$)

Exchange Rates	FY 2013	FY 2012	FY 2011
1st Quarter	.00090	.00089	.00088
2nd Quarter	-	.00088	.00088
3rd Quarter	-	.00089	.00091
4th Quarter	-	.00087	.00093
Total/YTD	.00090	.00088	.00090

TAIWAN (TI vs. US \$)

Exchange Rates	FY 2013	FY 2012	FY 2011
1st Quarter	.03411	.03336	.03222
2nd Quarter	-	.03324	.03387
3rd Quarter	-	.03391	.03419
4th Quarter	-	.03349	.03467
Total/YTD	.03411	.03350	.03381

MEXICO (PESO vs. US \$)

Exchange Rates	FY 2013	FY 2012	FY 2011
1st Quarter	.0772	.0754	.0797
2nd Quarter	-	.0740	.0817
3rd Quarter	-	.0776	.0842
4th Quarter	-	.0739	.0845
Total/YTD	.0772	.0751	.0826

AUSTRALIA (Ausie vs. US \$)

Exchange Rates	FY 2013	FY 2012	FY 2011
1st Quarter	1.0360	1.0226	.9665
2nd Quarter	-	1.0283	.9949
3rd Quarter	-	1.0487	1.0327
4th Quarter	-	1.0184	1.0628
Total/YTD	1.0360	1.0284	1.0180

Euro (Euro \$ vs. US \$)

Exchange Rates	FY 2013	FY 2012	FY 2011
1st Quarter	1.2894	1.3755	1.3539
2nd Quarter	-	1.3102	1.3351
3rd Quarter	-	1.3195	1.4159
4th Quarter	-	1.2479	1.4305
Total/YTD	1.2894	1.3071	1.3874

3. What was the impact of LIFO in FY 2013? FY 2012? FY 2011?

LIFO Charge/(Benefit) (Pre-tax)
(\$MMs/% to Sales)

	<u>Fiscal 2013</u>	<u>Fiscal 2012</u>	<u>Fiscal 2011</u>
1st Quarter	\$ (2.0) / (.01)%	\$ 0 / 0%	\$ 0 / 0%
2nd Quarter	-	\$ 2.5 / .01%	\$ 6 / .03%
3rd Quarter	-	\$ 6.5 / .03%	\$ 49 / .24%
4th Quarter	-	\$ 11.5 / .04%	\$ 32 / .12%
Total/YTD	\$ (2.0) / (.01)%	\$ 20.5 / .02%	\$ 87 / .10%

4. What was the impact of income tax rates in FY 2013? FY 2012? FY 2011?

	<u>Fiscal 2013</u>	<u>Fiscal 2012</u>	<u>Fiscal 2011</u>
1st Quarter	34.81%	40.80%	34.21%
2nd Quarter	-	34.18%	35.49%
3rd Quarter	-	34.84%	36.11%
4th Quarter	-	35.58%	35.27%
Total/YTD	34.81%	36.14%	35.29%

5. Breakdown of Total and Comparable Warehouse Sales Increases:

	<u>FY 2013*</u>		<u>FY 2012*</u>		<u>FY 2011</u>	
	<u>Total Sales</u>	<u>Comp. Sales</u>	<u>Total Sales</u>	<u>Comp. Sales</u>	<u>Total Sales</u>	<u>Comp. Sales</u>
1st Quarter	10%	7%	13%	10%	11%	7%
2nd Quarter	-	-	10%	8%	11%	7%
3rd Quarter	-	-	8%	5%	16%	12%
4th Quarter	-	-	14%(17wks)	5%	17%	12%
Total YTD	10%	7%	12%(53wks)	7%	14%	10%

*Includes Mexico

6. Warehouse Openings for FY 2013:

At the end of First Quarter of Fiscal 2013, the Company operated 617 warehouses, including 447 in the United States and Puerto Rico, 83 in Canada, 32 in Mexico, 22 in the United Kingdom, 13 in Japan, nine in Taiwan, eight in Korea, and three in Australia. The Company has opened four new warehouses since the end of the First Quarter of Fiscal 2013 and plans to open one additional new warehouse (Gwangmyeong, Korea) by the end of calendar 2012.

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First Qtr '13

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
10/19/12	W. Edmonton, AB
10/23/12	West Fargo, ND
10/24/12	Baxter, MN
10/25/12	Spanish Fork, UT
11/09/12	Farragut, TN
11/10/12	Concordville, PA
11/14/12	East Peoria, IL
11/15/12	Sun Prairie, WI
11/16/12	Rochester, MN

Second Qtr '13

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
11/28/12	Oshawa, ON
11/29/12	Washington, DC
12/01/12	Leicester, UK
12/11/12	Drummondville, QC
12/15/12	Gwangmyeong, KO

COSTCO WHOLESALE CORPORATION
ADDITIONAL Q1 FY 2013 QUARTER INFORMATION
CALCULATION OF DILUTED EARNINGS PER SHARE
(dollars in millions, except per share data)

DILUTED EPS	<u>Q1</u>	<u>Q2</u>	<u>Q3</u>	<u>Q4</u>	<u>YTD</u>
	<u>(12 weeks)</u>	<u>(12 weeks)</u>	<u>(12 weeks)</u>	<u>(16 weeks)</u>	<u>(12 weeks)</u>
Net income available to common stockholders used in basic and diluted net income per common share	\$ 415,563	\$			\$ 415,563
Interest on convertible notes, net of tax	155				155
Net income available to common stockholders after assumed conversions of dilutive securities	<u>\$ 415,718</u>	<u>\$</u>			<u>\$ 415,718</u>
SHARES (000's)					
Weighted average number of common shares used in basic net income per common share	433,423				433,423
Stock Options and RSUs	4,413				4,413
Conversion of convertible notes	<u>807</u>				<u>807</u>
Weighted number of common shares and dilutive potential of common stock used in diluted net income per share	<u>438,643</u>				<u>438,643</u>
Earnings Per Share - Diluted	<u>\$ 0.95</u>	<u>\$</u>			<u>\$ 0.95</u>