Whirlpool Corporation Again Named to Dow Jones Sustainability World Index

Company recognized for sustainable business practices

BENTON HARBOR, Mich., Sept. 18 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Whirlpool Corporation (NYSE: WHR) today announced it has been named to the 2006/2007 Dow Jones Sustainability World Index (DJSI), an international stock portfolio that evaluates corporate performance using economic, environmental, and social criteria.

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Only the top 10 percent of the 2,500 largest companies are selected as components of the DJSI World Index based on their sustainability performance. This year's DJSI includes more than 300 companies representing nearly 25 countries. Sixty other U.S. corporations join Whirlpool on the list.

"We are proud to once again be recognized by one of the world's most comprehensive reviews of sustainable business practices," said Jeff M. Fettig, Whirlpool Corporation's chairman and CEO. "This recognition is only possible because of the people at Whirlpool who make our long-term commitment to social responsibility a reality. Their actions personify Whirlpool's values and have enabled us to make social responsibility a core part of our culture."

The DJSI provides asset managers with reliable and objective benchmarks to manage their sustainability-focused portfolios. Its results will influence the investment decisions of asset managers in 14 countries for a variety of sustainability-driven portfolios -- including mutual funds, segregated accounts, structured products, as well as an exchange traded fund that is listed on Euronext.

Companies are selected for the DJSI based on a thorough assessment of general and industry-specific sustainability criteria including corporate governance, environmental performance, labor practices, and community development. The analyses are verified by an external auditor.

Further information on the Dow Jones Sustainability World Index can be found at http://www.sustainability-indexes.com.

About Whirlpool Corporation

Whirlpool Corporation is the world's leading manufacturer and marketer of major home appliances, with annual sales of more than $19 billion, more than 80,000 employees, and more than 60 manufacturing and technology research centers around the world. The company markets *Whirlpool, Maytag, KitchenAid, Jenn-Air, Amana, Brastemp, Bauknecht* and other major brand names to consumers in nearly every country around the world. Additional information about the company can be found at http://www.whirlpoolcorp.com.