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Italian Court of Ancona Approves Whirlpool Corporation's Indesit Share Purchase

BENTON HARBOR, Mich., Aug. 1, 2014 /PRNewswire/ -- Whirlpool Corporation (NYSE: WHR) announces that today the Italian Court of Ancona issued the authorization relating to the sale of certain Indesit Company S.p.A. (BIT: IND) shares to Whirlpool. On July 10, 2014, Whirlpool, Fineldo S.p.A. and members of the Merloni family entered into binding agreements for Whirlpool's acquisition of Indesit shares subject to court and antitrust approval and other customary conditions. The acquisition, together with the July 17 acquisition of Ms. Claudia Merloni's shares, will provide Whirlpool with a 66.8 percent voting stake in Indesit. Closing on these agreements remains subject to antitrust approvals and is expected to take place by the end of 2014.

About Whirlpool Corporation

Whirlpool Corporation is the world's leading global manufacturer and marketer of major home appliances, with annual sales of approximately $19 billion in 2013, 69,000 employees and 59 manufacturing and technology research centers around the world. The company markets *Whirlpool, Maytag, KitchenAid, Jenn-Air, Amana, Brastemp, Consul, Bauknecht* and other major brand names. Additional information about the company can be found at http://www.whirlpoolcorp.com.

Whirlpool Additional Information

CAUTIONARY STATEMENTS REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Certain statements in this press release relating to the acquisition of the shares in Indesit pursuant to the share purchase agreements constitute "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the U.S. federal securities laws. These statements reflect management's current expectations regarding future events and speak only as of the date of this press release. Forward-looking statements involve significant risks and uncertainties, should not be read as guarantees of future performance and will not necessarily be accurate indications of whether or not, or the times at or by which, events will occur. Actual performance may differ materially from that expressed or implied in such statements. These statements rely on assumptions which may or may not be realized. Reference should be made to the information set forth under the heading "Cautionary Statements Regarding Forward-Looking Statements" as set forth in Whirlpool's Current Report on Form 8-K dated July 10, 2014 and filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

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