Statement from Whirlpool Corporation on Free Trade Agreements

BENTON HARBOR, Mich., Oct. 13, 2011 /PRNewswire/ -- Whirlpool Corporation strongly welcomes the passage of the Free Trade Agreements with Colombia, Korea and Panama.

As the largest appliance company in the world, with the most significance innovative output of consumer products in the industry, we applaud the FTAs as a step toward opening markets around the world. Passage of the FTAs means new opportunities for U.S. appliance exports, as tariff and non-tariff barriers are removed.

Of critical importance, the FTAs reinforce the importance of the rule of law and contain strong enforcement provisions to address unfair trade practices.

About Whirlpool Corporation

Whirlpool Corporation is the world's leading manufacturer and marketer of major home appliances, with annual sales of more than $18 billion in 2010, 71,000 employees, and 66 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 to consumers in nearly every country around the world. Additional information about the company can be found at www.whirlpoolcorp.com.

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