Whirlpool Corporation's Michael Thieneman to Speak at Midwestern Governors Energy Summit

Thieneman to reinforce role of public-private partnerships in creating eco-efficiency innovations that exceed consumer expectations

BENTON HARBOR, Mich., Nov. 15 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Whirlpool Corporation (NYSE: WHR) announced that Michael Thieneman, executive vice president and chief technology officer, will speak at the Midwestern Governors Association (MGA) Energy Security and Climate Change Summit today in Milwaukee, Wis.

Thieneman's remarks will emphasize the company's leadership in energy and water efficiency and the importance of public policy partnerships in delivering meaningful energy and water efficiency solutions to consumers.

Whirlpool is the appliance industry's leader in energy and water efficiency solutions. It is the only manufacturer of appliances that brings an "across the board" focus to energy and water conservation, from design to manufacture and distribution, to the end of the product life cycle.

For more than 30 years, Whirlpool Corporation has shown a commitment to effectively utilizing and preserving natural resources. In 1970, Whirlpool created a corporate office for environmental control, and in 2003, Whirlpool became the world's first appliance manufacturer to announce a greenhouse gas reduction strategy. On Nov. 13, 2007, Whirlpool announced it will increase its commitment to environmentally-sound business practices by reducing total greenhouse gas emissions 6.6 percent by 2012, while at the same time increasing production by 17 percent. Whirlpool continually strives to understand and manage the environmental effects of the business, not only by creating new and innovative products that consume less energy and water, but also by improving processes and using materials that minimize the impact on the planet.

Thieneman joined Whirlpool in 1977 as a project engineer. He held a variety of leadership positions, including president and chief executive officer of Inglis Limited, Whirlpool Corporation's wholly-owned Canadian subsidiary; president of Whirlpool Compressor Operations in Riva di Chieri, Italy; and, corporate vice president, Global Procurement Operations. In October 1997 he was named executive vice president, North American Region, and in June 2000 he was named to his current position of executive vice president and chief technology officer.

The MGA Energy Security and Climate Change Summit is a two-day meeting, Nov. 14 and 15, designed to explore key energy strategies and policies for the Midwest region and its 12 states. The theme of the summit is "Unveiling an Energy Security and Climate Stewardship Platform." At the summit, participants will take a comprehensive look at state energy policy in the Midwest, addressing issues such as energy efficiency, renewable electricity, advanced coal and carbon capture, biofuels development and climate stewardship. Additional information about MGA Energy Security and Climate Change Summit can be found at www.midwesterngovernors.org.

About Whirlpool Corporation

Whirlpool Corporation is the world's leading manufacturer and marketer of major home appliances, with 2006 annual sales of approximately $18 billion, more than 73,000 employees, and more than 70 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.

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