Whirlpool Corporation Declares Quarterly Dividend

Five Directors Elected to Board

BENTON HARBOR, Mich., April 18 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Whirlpool Corporation's (NYSE: WHR) board of directors, meeting in regular session today in Chicago, declared a quarterly dividend of 43 cents per share on the company's common stock. The dividend is payable June 15, 2006, to holders of common stock at the close of business on May 19, 2006.

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Also today, at Whirlpool's annual meeting of shareholders, five individuals were re-elected to the board of directors. Gary T. DiCamillo, Kathleen J. Hempel, Arnold G. Langbo, David L. Swift, and Michael A. Todman were returned to the board for three-year terms, expiring in 2009. DiCamillo is president and chief executive officer of American Crystal Inc.; Hempel is a former vice chairman and chief financial officer of Fort Howard Corporation; Langbo is a former chairman and chief executive officer of Kellogg Company; Swift is president, Whirlpool North America; and Todman is president, Whirlpool International.

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.

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