Whirlpool Corporation Declares Quarterly Dividend; Holds Annual Stockholders' Meeting

BENTON HARBOR, Mich., April 21 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- The board of directors of Whirlpool Corporation (NYSE: WHR) today declared a quarterly dividend of 43 cents per share on the company's common stock. The dividend is payable June 15, 2009, to stockholders of record at the close of business on May 29, 2009.

Annual Meeting of Stockholders

Whirlpool Corporation today held its annual stockholders' meeting. Whirlpool stockholders re-elected three individuals to the board of directors. Gary T. DiCamillo, Kathleen J. Hempel and Michael A. Todman were returned to the board for three-year terms, expiring in 2012. DiCamillo is president and chief executive officer of RADIA International; Hempel is former vice chairman and chief financial officer of Fort Howard Corporation; and Todman is president, Whirlpool North America. Stockholders also voted to approve the Performance Excellence Plan, the ratification of Ernst and Young LLP as Whirlpool Corporation's independent registered public accounting firm for 2009, and management proposals to amend the Restated Certificate of Incorporation to remove the classified board provisions and eliminate supermajority vote provisions. Nonbinding stockholder proposals to elect each director annually and eliminate supermajority vote provisions were approved, based on preliminary results. Official voting results will be reported in Whirlpool Corporation's quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the second quarter of 2009, which will be filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

About Whirlpool Corporation

Whirlpool Corporation is the world's leading manufacturer and marketer of major home appliances, with annual sales of approximately $19 billion, 70,000 employees, and 69 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 http://www.whirlpoolcorp.com.

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