Whirlpool Corporation Elects Five Directors to Board

BENTON HARBOR, Mich., April 19 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- At Whirlpool Corporation's (NYSE: WHR) annual shareholders' meeting, held today in Chicago, five individuals were re-elected to the company's board of directors.

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Herman Cain, Jeff M. Fettig, Miles L. Marsh and Paul G. Stern were returned to the board for three-year terms, expiring in 2008. Michael D. White was returned to the board for a two-year term, expiring in 2007. Cain is the chief executive officer and president of T.H.E. New Voice, Inc.; Fettig is the chairman, president and chief executive officer of Whirlpool; Marsh is the former chairman and chief executive officer of the Fort James Corporation; and Stern is a partner in Thayer Capital Partners LLP and Arlington Capital Partners LLP, private investment companies. White is chairman and chief executive officer of PepsiCo International.

Whirlpool Corporation is the world's leading manufacturer and marketer of major home appliances, with annual sales of over $13 billion, 68,000 employees, and nearly 50 manufacturing and technology research centers around the globe. The company markets *Whirlpool, KitchenAid, Brastemp, Bauknecht, Consul* and other major brand names to consumers in more than 170 countries. Additional information about the company can be found on the Internet at http://www.whirlpoolcorp.com.