Kroger and United Food and Commercial Workers 700 Ratify Agreements

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Associates of Kroger's Central Division, an affiliate of The Kroger Co. (NYSE: KR), have ratified agreements with United Food and Commercial Workers (UFCW) Local 700.

The agreements cover approximately 2,400 associates working in Kroger, Scott's and Owens stores inNortheast Indiana.

"We are grateful for our associates' service to our customers," said Bob Moeder, Kroger Central Division president. "Kroger and UFCW reached a good agreement that provides wage increases, affordable quality health care and a stable pension for our associates and their families."

Scott's Food and Pharmacy joined the Kroger family of stores in 2007. The Kroger Central Division is headquartered in Indianapolis. It includes 147 food stores, 122 pharmacies and 64 fuel centers operating under five banners: Kroger, Scott's, Owen's, Hilander and Pay Less.

Kroger, the nation's largest traditional grocery retailer, employs more than 338,000 associates who serve customers in 2,458 supermarkets and multi-department stores in 31 states under two dozen local banner names including Kroger, City Market, Dillons, Jay C, Food 4 Less, Fred Meyer, Fry's, King Soopers, QFC, Ralphs and Smith's. The Company also operates 786 convenience stores, 361 fine jewelry stores, 1,030 supermarket fuel centers and 40 food processing plants in the U.S. Kroger, headquartered in Cincinnati, Ohio, focuses its charitable efforts on supporting hunger relief, health and wellness initiatives, and local organizations in the communities it serves. For more information about Kroger, please visit www.kroger.com.

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