Fred Meyer Stores Reaches Tentative Agreement with Teamsters Local 117 in Puyallup, Wash.

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Fred Meyer Stores, a division of The Kroger Co. (NYSE: KR) operating in the Pacific Northwest, announced today that a tentative agreement has been reached with Teamsters Local 117. The agreement is fully-recommended and covers 360 associates working at the warehouse and distribution center in Puyallup.

"We are pleased to reach an agreement that will continue to provide our associates the best total compensation package in our industry in Washington," said Michael Ellis, president of Fred Meyer Stores. "Our Associates have remained focused on their work during this process, and I am grateful to them for the service they provide every day to our customers and our company."

The Teamsters will schedule voting meetings with their membership for ratification.

Fred Meyer Stores, based in Portland, Ore., offers one-stop shopping at its 132 multi-department stores in four western states. Nearly 30,000 Fred Meyer associates help customers fill their food, apparel, and general merchandise needs in Alaska, Idaho, Oregon and Washington. Stores range in size from 65,000 to 230,000 square feet and carry more than 200,000 products under one roof. Additionally, Fred Meyer donates more than 4 million pounds of food to food banks in its four-state market and contributes more than $4 million to communities across the Northwest each year through grants from the Fred Meyer Foundation as well as product donations, cash donations and sponsorships. Fred Meyer Stores is a division of The Kroger Co. (NYSE: KR). For more information, please visit our Web site at www.fredmeyer.com.

Kroger, the nation's largest traditional grocery retailer, employs more than 338,000 associates who serve customers in 2,439 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 788 convenience stores, 361 fine jewelry stores, 1,046 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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