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Kroger and UFCW 227 Ratify Agreement in Kentucky, Southern Indiana

Agreement Includes 12,382 Associates in 87 Stores

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Aug. 31, 2012 /PRNewswire/ -- Associates of Kroger Limited Partnership I, an affiliate of The Kroger Co. (NYSE: KR), working at its Mid-South Division stores in Kentucky and Southern Indiana, have ratified a new labor agreement with United Food & Commercial Workers Union Local 227.

"We are pleased to reach an agreement that will provide our associates with wage increases, high-quality, affordable health care and a company-funded pension at retirement," said John Hackett, President, Mid-South Division. "I want to personally thank all of our store associates for their patience during this process and for the excellent service they provide every day for our customers and our company."

The agreement covers over 12,000 associates working in 81 stores in Louisville, Lexington and throughout most of Kentucky and 6 stores in Southern Indiana. Kroger's Mid-South Division is based in Louisville and it includes 162 stores in Kentucky, Tennessee, southern Indiana and southern Illinois.

Kroger, one of the world's largest retailers, employs more than 339,000 associates who serve customers in 2,425 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 789 convenience stores, 337 fine jewelry stores, 1,109 supermarket fuel centers and 38 food processing plants in the U.S. Recognized by Forbes as the most generous company in America, Kroger supports hunger relief, breast cancer awareness, the military and their families, and more than 30,000 schools and grassroots organizations in the communities it serves. Kroger contributes food and funds equal to 160 million meals a year through more than 80 Feeding America food bank partners. For more information please visit kroger.com.

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