



Whirlpool Corporation Expands Legal Action Against LG Electronics Inc. for Infringement of Four Additional Refrigeration Patents

BENTON HARBOR, Mich., May 1 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Whirlpool Corporation (NYSE: WHR) today announced that it has taken aggressive, new legal steps against LG Electronics Inc., of South Korea, and its U.S. and Mexican affiliates.

Whirlpool has asserted four additional patents against LG in an action pending in Delaware district court. Whirlpool Corporation's claims in that action state that several LG-manufactured refrigerator products imported into the U.S. infringe on these additional patents. Whirlpool is asking for injunctive relief and monetary damages in the matter.

The patents safeguard proprietary technologies associated with product reliability, performance and quality, including:

- Structure and stability of the refrigerator interior;
- Quality and performance of ice dispenser; and
- Food storage features.

"Whirlpool Corporation is again taking aggressive legal steps to vigorously protect our proprietary products and technologies from infringement," said Phillip Pejovich, vice president, refrigeration, Whirlpool Corporation North America Region.

Whirlpool Corporation is the world's leading manufacturer and marketer of major home appliances, with annual sales of approximately \$19 billion, more than 73,000 employees, and more than 70 manufacturing and technology research centers around the world. The company markets *Whirlpool*, *Maytag*, *KitchenAid*, *Jenn-Air*, *Amana*, *Brastemp*, *Bauknecht* and other major brand names to consumers in nearly every country around the world. Additional information about the company can be found at www.whirlpoolcorp.com.

Additional Information:

This document contains forward-looking statements that speak only as of this date. Whirlpool disclaims any obligation to update these statements. Forward-looking statements in this document may include, but are not limited to, statements regarding expected earnings per share, cash flow, productivity and material and oil-related prices. Many risks, contingencies and uncertainties could cause actual results to differ materially from Whirlpool Corporation's forward-looking statements. Among these factors are: (1) intense competition in the home appliance industry reflecting the impact of both new and established global competitors, including Asian and European manufacturers; (2) Whirlpool's ability to continue its strong relationship with Sears Holding Corporation in North America (accounting for approximately 12% of Whirlpool's 2007 consolidated net sales of \$19.4 billion) and other significant trade customers, and the ability of these trade customers to maintain or increase market share; (3) changes in economic conditions, including the strength of the U.S. building industry and the level of interest rates; (4) the ability of Whirlpool to achieve its business plans, productivity improvements, cost control, leveraging of its global operating platform, and acceleration of the rate of innovation; (5) fluctuations in the cost of key materials (including steel, oil, plastic, resins, copper and zinc) and components and the ability of Whirlpool to offset cost increases; (6) the ability of suppliers of critical parts, components and manufacturing equipment to deliver sufficient quantities to Whirlpool in a timely and cost-effective manner; (7) our ability to attract, develop and retain executives and other qualified employees; (8) health care cost trends and regulatory changes that could increase future funding obligations for pension and post retirement benefit plans; (9) the cost of compliance with environmental and health and safety regulations; (10) litigation including product liability and product defect claims; (11) the impact of labor relations; (12) Whirlpool's ability to obtain and protect intellectual property rights; (13) the ability of Whirlpool to manage foreign currency fluctuations; and (14) global, political and/or economic uncertainty and disruptions, especially in Whirlpool's significant geographic regions, including uncertainty and disruptions arising from natural disasters or terrorist attacks. Additional information concerning these and other factors can be found in Whirlpool Corporation's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including the most recent annual report on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, and current reports on Form 8-K.

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