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RCS Real Estate Advisors Retained By Cost Plus World Market to Provide Property Disposition and Real Estate Advisory Services

NEW YORK, NY, February 15, 2008 — New York, NY-based RCS Real Estate Advisors, the pre-eminent real estate advisory firm to the retail industry, has been retained by Cost Plus World Market to provide property disposition and real estate advisory services. RCS Real Estate Advisors President and CEO Ivan L. Friedman made the announcement.

RCS Real Estate Advisors will manage lease terminations for 11 Cost Plus World Market locations in Illinois, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota and Texas.

RCS Real Estate Advisors (formerly Retail Consulting Services) provides innovative solutions that unlock the potential of retail real estate assets for clients across the United States. Founded in 1981, the firm operates through a unique mix of three practice areas—Growth and Development, Restructuring and Portfolio Optimization, and Investment Advisory and Participation—offering services that include expansions, rent renegotiations, dispositions and equity investments. For more information about the firm and its track record of working as a partner to deliver results for top-name retailers, please visit www.rcsrealestate.com.

Cost Plus World Market operates 299 stores in 34 states under the names "World Market" and "Cost Plus World Market." The stores feature an ever-changing selection of casual home furnishings, housewares, gifts, jewelry, decorative accessories, over 500 international wines, gourmet foods and beverages at affordable prices, imported from more than 50 countries.

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