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IARW Reports Increasing Capacity in Top 20 International and North American Public Refrigerated Warehouses

ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA, September 8, 2006 – Storage capacity in the International Association of Refrigerated Warehouse's (IARW) top 20 public refrigerated warehouses (PRWs) located in North America grew 7.4 percent this past year, according to statistics just released by IARW. Internationally, capacity in the top 20 PRWs grew 4.8 percent.

The combined space of the International Top 20 is more than 1.6 billion cubic feet (more than 45 million cubic meters) and the North American Top 20 is more than 1.2 billion cubic feet.

The increases are both well ahead of the growth rate for 2005, which was 4.5 percent for North American PRWs and 2.7 percent for International PRWs.

"These strong increases support the trends we see in the food industry, where companies are increasingly looking to PRWs to handle many of their logistics needs," explains IARW President & CEO Bill Hudson. "PRWs are also working to become total logistics providers in many cases, assisting customers with transportation and other needs as well as storage."

IARW has made it easy for food companies and distributors to find PRWs, transportation companies, and cold storage construction companies by publishing the "2006 International Cold Chain Directory," available free of charge to food companies and PRW customers. IARW partnered with the World Food Logistics Organization, International Association of Refrigerated Warehouses, and the International Association for Cold Storage Construction to produce this publication.

The two IARW "Top 20" lists can be found online at www.iarw.org by following the "About Us" link. IARW members represent the vast majority of PRW space in North America and a growing percentage of refrigerated space worldwide. Many companies display the IARW and/or WFLO logos on their materials to demonstrate their support for the standards and best practices that members of these organizations represent.

IARW, a non-profit trade association, founded in 1891, is headquartered in suburban Washington, DC, with offices in Europe and Asia and represents the refrigerated services industry—warehousing, distribution, transportation, information, and logistics. Members of IARW play a central role in the storage and distribution of perishable foods around the world and make it possible for the global community to enjoy a wide variety of

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nutritious, safe, and affordable food products. Members of IARW are served by a Scientific Advisory Council comprised of leading food scientists, and enjoy access to the only training program developed for the refrigerated warehouses and distribution industry.

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