ABBOTT DECLARES 362ND CONSECUTIVE QUARTERLY DIVIDEND

ABBOTT PARK, III., June 13, 2014 /PRNewswire/ -- The board of directors of Abbott (NYSE: ABT) today declared a quarterly common dividend of 22 cents per share.

This marks the 362nd consecutive quarterly dividend to be paid by Abbott since 1924. The cash dividend is payable Aug. 15, 2014, to shareholders of record at the close of business on July 15, 2014.

Abbott has increased its dividend payout for 42 consecutive years and is a member of the <u>S&P 500 Dividend</u> <u>Aristocrats Index</u>, which tracks companies that have annually increased their dividend for 25 consecutive years.

About Abbott

Abbott is a global healthcare company devoted to improving life through the development of products and technologies that span the breadth of healthcare. With a portfolio of leading, science-based offerings in diagnostics, medical devices, nutritionals and branded generic pharmaceuticals, Abbott serves people in more than 150 countries and employs approximately 69,000 people.

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