



Roto-Rooter Inc. Declares Quarterly Dividend of 12 Cents

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CINCINNATI--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Aug. 8, 2003--Roto-Rooter Inc. (NYSE:RRR) announced today that the Board of Directors has declared a quarterly cash dividend of 12 cents per share on its capital stock, payable on September 10, 2003, to stockholders of record on August 21, 2003. This represents the 129th consecutive quarterly dividend paid by Roto-Rooter in its 32 years as a public company.

Roto-Rooter Inc. (www.RotoRooter.com), headquartered in Cincinnati, is a New York Stock Exchange-listed corporation operating in the residential and commercial repair-and-maintenance-service industry through two wholly owned subsidiaries. Roto-Rooter is North America's largest provider of plumbing and drain cleaning services. Service America Systems Inc. provides major-appliance and heating/air-conditioning repair, maintenance, and replacement services.

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