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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement COSTCO WHOLESALE CORP / NEW [COST] LAZARUS FRANZ E (Month/Day/Year) 09/21/2012 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 999 LAKE DRIVE (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) 10% Owner Director _X_ Form filed by One Reporting _X__ Officer Other Person (give title below) (specify below) ISSAQUAH, WAÂ 98027 Form filed by More than One Executive VP Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) D Â Common Stock 40,021 (1) Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security		4. Conversion or Exercise	5. Ownership Form of	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
			(Instr. 4)	4) Price of		Derivative	
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect	

Shares

(I) (Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer

Other

LAZARUS FRANZ E 999 LAKE DRIVE ISSAQUAH, WAÂ 98027

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Â Executive VP Â

Signatures

Deanna K. Nakashima, attorney-in-fact

09/26/2012

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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25,825 shares of common stock are unvested grant of Restricted Stock Units. The vesting schedule for the shares are as follows: 2,500 (1) shares will vest on October 17, 2012; 6,664 shares will vest on October 22, 2012; 6,664 shares will vest on October 22, 2013; 7,499 shares will vest on October 22, 2014; 1,666 shares will vest on October 22, 2015; and 832 shares will vest on October 22, 2016.

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