

Genesco Declares Quarterly Dividends

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NASHVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 22 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- The board of directors of Genesco Inc. (NYSE: GCO) has declared dividends on the various classes of its preferred stock for the quarter ending January 28, 2006, payable on January 30, 2006, to shareholders of record on January 13, 2006.

The rates are as follows: - Subordinated serial preferred stock: Series 1 \$0.575 per share Series 3 \$1.1875 per share Series 4 \$1.1875 per share

- Subordinated cumulative preferred stock: \$0.375 per share

Genesco Inc., a Nashville-based specialty retailer, sells footwear, headwear and accessories in more than 1,700 retail stores in the United States and Canada, principally under the names Journeys, Journeys Kidz, Johnston & Murphy, Underground Station, Hatworld, Lids, Hat Zone, Cap Factory, Head Quarters and Cap Connection, and on internet websites www.journeys.com, www.journeyskidz.com, www.undergroundstation.com, www.johnstonmurphy.com, www.lids.com, www.hatworld.com, and www.lidscyo.com. The Company also sells footwear at wholesale under its Johnston & Murphy brand and under the licensed Dockers and Perry Ellis brands. Additional information on Genesco and its operating divisions may be accessed at its website www.genesco.com.

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