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Williams-Sonoma, Inc. Announces Release Date for Second Quarter Fiscal Year 2008 Earnings: Thursday, August 28, 2008

San Francisco, CA, August 20, 2008 -- Williams-Sonoma, Inc. (NYSE: WSM) announced today that it will release its second quarter fiscal year 2008 earnings on Thursday, August 28, 2008, prior to market open. Following the release via the wire services, the Company will host a conference call beginning at 10:00 AM Eastern Time which can be accessed via live webcast at <http://www.williams-sonomainc.com/webcast>. Please make sure you have Microsoft's Windows Media Player installed on your computer. Following the call, a replay of the webcast will be available at <http://www.williams-sonomainc.com/webcast> beginning at 1:00 PM Eastern Time on Thursday, August 28, 2008.

Williams-Sonoma, Inc. is a nationwide specialty retailer of high quality products for the home. These products, representing six distinct merchandise strategies – Williams-Sonoma, Pottery Barn, Pottery Barn Kids, PBteen, West Elm and Williams-Sonoma Home – are marketed through 613 stores, seven direct mail catalogs and six e-commerce websites.