

Caterpillar Inc. Files Form 8-K

PEORIA, Ill., Dec. 17, 2012 -- Caterpillar Inc. (NYSE: CAT / NYSE Euronext: CATR / LSE: CTA) informs its stockholders that today, a Form 8-K has been filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") with respect to the retirement of a member of the Board of Directors.

On December 12, 2012, Mr. Eugene V. Fife announced that he will be retiring from the Board of Directors of Caterpillar Inc. (the "Board") and the Governance Committee of the Board, effective December 31, 2012. Mr. Fife's retirement is the result of his reaching the mandatory retirement age for directors as provided in the Caterpillar Inc. Guidelines on Corporate Governance Issues and not as a result of any disagreement with the company.

Caterpillar files electronically with the SEC required reports on Form 8-K, Form 10-Q, Form 10-K and Form 11-K; proxy materials; ownership reports for insiders as required by Section 16(a) of the U.S. Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended; and registration statements on Forms S-3 and S-8, as necessary; and other forms or reports, as required. All of the forms and reports filed electronically with the SEC are available on the SEC Internet site (www.sec.gov).

Caterpillar also maintains an Internet site (www.Caterpillar.com) and copies of its annual report on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K and any amendments to these reports filed or furnished with the SEC are available free of charge through Caterpillar's Internet site (www.Caterpillar.com/secfilings) as soon as reasonably practicable after the relevant document has been filed with the SEC.

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