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**CENTEX RESETS RECORD DATE FOR UPCOMING
REGULAR QUARTERLY CASH DIVIDEND**

DALLAS Feb. 19, 2004: Centex Corporation (NYSE: CTX) announced today it has reset the record date for the company's next regular quarterly cash dividend.

Centex's dividend will be payable April 12, 2004 to stockholders of record at the close of business on March 19, 2004. (Previously, the company had announced a record date of March 15.)

Centex reset the dividend record date to avoid any timing complications with respect to the company's previously-announced proposed 2-for-1 stock split transaction. Pending shareholder approval to increase the company's authorized shares at a special meeting to be held on February 25, 2004, the company plans to effect the stock split on March 12, 2004.

Centex's regular cash dividend will remain four cents per share following the proposed stock split. Effectively, the split will double Centex's dividend, as it will be paid on twice the outstanding number of shares.

Through its subsidiaries, Dallas, Texas-based Centex is one of the nation's leading single-family home builders, non-bank-affiliated retail mortgage originators and general building contractors and also has operations in home services and investment real estate.

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