



ALESCO FINANCIAL INC.

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ALESCO FINANCIAL INC. SETS DATE FOR ANNUAL MEETING

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, October 30, 2006 – Alesco Financial Inc. (NYSE: AFN) announced today that it has scheduled its annual meeting of stockholders for 2:00 pm ET on Thursday, December 7, 2006. The meeting will take place at the Company's headquarters at 2929 Arch Street, 17th floor, Philadelphia, PA. The record date for stockholders entitled to vote at the annual meeting is the close of business on Monday, November 6, 2006. Alesco intends to circulate a proxy statement for the meeting in mid-November, 2006.

Copies of the proxy materials, when available, can be obtained by calling our proxy solicitor MacKenzie Partners, Inc. at (800) 322-2885.

About Alesco Financial Inc.

Alesco Financial Inc. is a specialty finance REIT headquartered in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and trades on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "AFN". Alesco is externally managed by Cohen & Company Management, LLC.

Forward-Looking Statements

Information set forth in this release contains forward-looking statements, which involve a number of risks and uncertainties. Alesco cautions readers that any forward-looking information is not a guarantee of future performance and that actual results could differ materially from those contained or implied in the forward-looking information.

The following factors, among others, could cause actual results to differ from those set forth in the forward-looking statements: the failure of Alesco to successfully execute its business plans or gain access to additional financing, the availability of additional loan portfolios for future acquisition, continued qualification as a REIT and the cost of capital. Additional factors that may affect future results are contained in Alesco's filings with the SEC, which are available at the SEC's web site www.sec.gov and Alesco's web site www.alescofinancialtrust.com. Alesco disclaims any obligation to update and revise statements contained in these materials based on new information or otherwise.

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