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FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT
TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported) October 28, 2004

HAIGHTS CROSS COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

333-109381

13-4087398

(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**10 New King Street, Suite 102
White Plains, New York**

10604

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

(914) 289-9400

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

N/A

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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ITEM 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers

(d) On October 28, 2004, the Board of Directors of Hights Cross Communications, Inc. (the "Company") appointed Paul J. Crecca as a director of the Company. Mr. Crecca also serves as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of the Company. There are no arrangements or understandings pursuant to which Mr. Crecca was elected as a director, and there are no related party transactions between Mr. Crecca and the Company. On October 29, 2004, the Company issued a press release announcing Mr. Crecca's appointment to the Board of Directors. A copy of this press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

ITEM 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits. The following exhibits are being filed herewith.

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Press Release of the Company dated October 29, 2004

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

HAIGHTS CROSS COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

Date: November 2, 2004

By: /s/ Paul J. Crecca

Name: Paul J. Crecca

Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial
Officer

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**HAIGHTS CROSS COMMUNICATIONS
PRESS RELEASE**

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**Hights Cross Communications Appoints Paul J. Crecca
to Board of Directors**

New York, NY, October 29, 2004—Hights Cross Communications, Inc. (HCC), a leading educational and library publisher, announced that Paul J. Crecca, HCC Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, has been appointed to HCC's Board of Directors. Crecca joins current Board members Peter J. Quandt, HCC Chairman and CEO; and Christopher S. Gaffney and Stephen F. Gormley, co-founders and managing partners of Great Hill Partners.

Quandt said: "Paul joined HCC in January 1998 as our Chief Financial Officer. Since then, he has led Hights Cross through multiple financing efforts, including our August 2003 \$270 million debt recapitalization; played a critical role in all acquisitions; helped HCC achieve exceptional organic top and bottom-line growth; and built a highly professional finance organization. During his tenure with HCC, sales have grown from approximately \$12 million to over \$170 million. Paul has been my closest business associate and I am delighted to have him join the board."

Prior to joining HCC, Crecca was Chief Financial Officer of the Marvel Comics Group from 1995-1997 and Chief Financial Officer of Dun & Bradstreet International from 1989-1995. He also held senior positions with Dun & Bradstreet Corporate Finance and Ernst & Young. Crecca received a BA in Accounting and MBA in Finance from Rutgers University, and is a CPA.

About Hights Cross Communications :

Founded in 1997 and based in White Plains, NY, Hights Cross Communications is a premier educational and library publisher dedicated to creating the finest books, audio products, periodicals, software and online services, serving the following markets: K-12 supplemental education, public and school library publishing, and medical continuing education publishing. Hights Cross companies include: Sundance/Newbridge

Educational Publishing (Northborough, MA), Triumph Learning (New York, NY), Recorded Books (Prince Frederick, MD), Chelsea House Publishers (Northborough, MA), Buckle Down Publishing (Iowa City, IA), and Oakstone Publishing (Birmingham, AL). For more information, visit www.haightscross.com.

Safe Harbor Statement: This press release contains forward-looking statements. In some cases, you can identify forward-looking statements by terms such as “may,” “will,” “should,” “could,” “would,” “expect,” “plan,” “anticipate,” “believe,” “potential” and similar expressions intended to identify forward-looking statements. These statements reflect our current views with respect to future events and are based on assumptions and subject to risks and uncertainties. These risks, uncertainties and other factors may cause our actual results, performances or achievements to be materially different from those expressed or implied by our forward-looking statements. Factors that may cause our actual results to differ materially from our forward-looking statements include, among others, changes in external market factors, changes in our business or growth strategy, or an inability to execute our strategy due to changes in our industry or the economy generally, the emergence of new or growing competitors and various other competitive factors. In light of these risks and uncertainties, there can be no assurance that the events and circumstances described in forward-looking statements contained in this press release will in fact occur. You should read this press release completely and with the understanding that our actual results may be materially different from what we expect. We will not update these forward-looking statements, even though our situation may change in the future. We qualify all of our forward-looking statements by these cautionary statements.

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