

HAIGHTS CROSS COMMUNICATIONS
PRESS RELEASE

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HAIGHTS CROSS COMMUNICATIONS COMPLETES
\$73.74 MILLION SENIOR DISCOUNT NOTE OFFERING

White Plains, NY – February 2, 2004 -- Hights Cross Communications, Inc. (“HCC”) announced today that it has completed an offering of its senior discount notes due 2011, with a value at maturity of \$135 million and yielding gross proceeds of \$73.7 million (the “Discount Notes”). On January 27, 2004, the Discount Notes were priced at 12½%.

HCC intends to use the proceeds of the financing to repurchase certain outstanding shares of its Series B senior preferred stock, Series A preferred stock warrants and common stock warrants, to fund future acquisitions and for general corporate purposes.

The Discount Notes were offered only to qualified institutional buyers, as defined in Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Securities Act”), and certain investors outside of the United States under Regulation S under the Securities Act. The Discount Notes will not be registered under the Securities Act or any state securities laws and may not be offered or sold in the United States absent registration or an applicable exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act and applicable state securities laws.

This press release does not and will not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy the Discount Notes. This press release is being issued pursuant to and in accordance with Rule 135c under the Securities Act.

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, audiobooks, 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 (Broomall, PA), and Oakstone Publishing (Birmingham, AL). Hights Cross investors include Great Hill Partners For more information visit www.hightscross.com.

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