

HAIGHTS CROSS COMMUNICATIONS
PRESS RELEASE

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**HAIGHTS CROSS COMMUNICATIONS APPOINTS PAUL
KONOWITCH VICE PRESIDENT FOR CORPORATE AND
NEW BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT**

White Plains, NY – September 22, 2003 -- Hights Cross Communications, Inc. today announced the appointment of Paul A. Konowitch as Vice President for Corporate and New Business Development. Prior to his appointment, Konowitch was Hights Cross Vice President for Business Development, a position he held since January 2003. The new appointment is effective immediately.

Peter J. Quandt, Hights Cross Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, stated: “We are delighted that Paul has agreed to take on this important expanded role. Paul will lead the company’s renewed focus on high-quality acquisitions in the K-12 supplemental and library markets. He will also continue to lead new business development initiatives, with a focus on secondary revenue channels. Paul’s keen strategic and analytic skills together with his extensive background in acquisitions, venture capital, and educational publishing are key assets in helping Hights Cross achieve its great potential.”

Paul Konowitch said: “This new opportunity to contribute to Hights Cross’ continued success is truly exciting. Hights Cross will be seeking to acquire successful publishing companies and product lines that will enhance and expand the leadership positions of our existing excellent brands within the K-12 supplemental and library markets. We are focused on high-quality acquisitions to complement our already strong reputation, established national sales and marketing channels, and talented editorial and production teams.”

Prior to joining Hights Cross, Konowitch served as Managing Director of Gabelli Group Capital Partners, Inc., where he identified, evaluated, and co-invested in private equity, venture, merchant banking, and leveraged buyout opportunities. He also served in a

variety of executive management positions with The Thomson Corporation (Stamford, CT) in the healthcare, business information, and financial services lines of business. Konowitch holds a BA and MBA from The Rutgers University of New Jersey and is a Certified Public Accountant.

With his wife, Judy, an executive at WebMD, and two children – Jeffrey and Margo – Konowitch resides in Irvington, New York.

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 Publishing and Newbridge Educational Publishers (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 and CSFB (formerly DLJ Merchant Banking Partners, L.P.) For more information visit www.hightscross.com.

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