

HAIGHTS CROSS COMMUNICATIONS **PRESS RELEASE**

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HAIGHTS CROSS COMMUNICATIONS APPOINTS NEW CHIEF EXECUTIVE FOR CHELSEA HOUSE PUBLISHERS

White Plains, NY, April 19, 2004 – Hights Cross Communications, Inc. (HCC) announced today that Bob Laronga, currently president of HCC's Sundance/Newbridge Educational Publishing division, will also take on the same leadership role for Chelsea House Publishers. Rich Blumenthal, former Chelsea House president, will be leaving the company to pursue other professional opportunities. Laronga will continue to report directly to Peter J. Quandt, HCC chairman and CEO. The changes are effective immediately.

Quandt said that "Chelsea House continues to face a very tough market environment as school and public libraries continue to reduce their spending on new books. At the same time, we believe that under Bob Laronga's leadership, we will be able to fully leverage our total national distribution and sales network. Chelsea House's current title list and its product pipeline continue to be among the strongest in the industry." Quandt added, "Hights Cross is committed to Chelsea House and will keep company and editorial offices in Langhorne, PA under the direction of Vice President and Editor-in-Chief Sally Cheney."

HCC said that Bob Laronga has been president of Sundance/Newbridge Publishing since 2000. Prior to joining Sundance Publishing in 1999, Laronga held senior positions with Harper & Row, Laidlaw Education (a division of Doubleday), McDougal Littell, and Perfection Learning.

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, audio books, 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 (Langhorne, PA), and Oakstone Publishing (Birmingham, AL). Hights Cross investors include Great Hill Partners and Peter J. Quandt. For more information visit www.hightscross.com.

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