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**HAIGHTS CROSS COMMUNICATIONS
PLANS \$20 MILLION PRIVATE OFFERING AND
NEW \$30 MILLION TERM LOAN**

White Plains, NY, December 1, 2004—Haight Cross Communications, Inc. (HCC), a leading educational and library publisher, today announced that its wholly owned subsidiary, Haight Cross Operating Company (HCOC) intends to offer, subject to market and other conditions, \$20.0 million aggregate principal amount of its senior notes due 2011 in a private offering. The offered notes would be issued under the indenture governing HCOC's outstanding senior notes and would bear interest at the rate of 11 ³/₄%, the same rate that applies to its outstanding senior notes. In connection with the senior notes offering, HCOC intends, subject to market and other conditions, to enter into a new \$30.0 million senior secured term loan with institutional lenders, which loan would rank equally with, and is expected to be on terms that are substantially the same as the terms of, its existing senior secured term loan. If the foregoing financing transactions are completed, HCOC plans to use the net proceeds to fund future acquisitions and for other general corporate purposes.

HCOC intends to offer the senior notes in reliance on an exemption from registration for offers and sales of securities that do not involve a public offering. The offering and sale of the senior notes have not been registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or any state securities laws, and the notes may not be reoffered or resold in the United States absent registration or an applicable exemption from registration requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and applicable state securities laws. This news release does not constitute an offer to sell or a solicitation of an offer to buy the senior notes and shall not constitute an offer, solicitation or sale in any jurisdiction in which such an offer, solicitation, or sale would be unlawful.

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), Buckle Down Publishing (Iowa City, IA), Oakstone Publishing (Birmingham, AL), Recorded Books (Prince Frederick, MD), and Chelsea House Publishers (Northborough, MA). For more information, visit www.hightscross.com.

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