

HAIGHTS CROSS COMMUNICATIONS PRESS RELEASE

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HAIGHTS CROSS COMMUNICATIONS APPOINTS JOHN A. LAWLER TO LEAD TRIUMPH LEARNING

White Plains, NY, January 20, 2009 – Hights Cross Communications, Inc. (HCC) today announced the appointment of John A. Lawler as President and Chief Executive Officer of Triumph Learning. The appointment is effective immediately. Lawler will report to Paul Crecca, Hights Cross Communications President and Chief Executive Officer.

According to Paul Crecca, “I am pleased to welcome John Lawler to the Hights Cross team. John brings vast experience in leading major information and publishing businesses. He has an outstanding track record in business and product development, acquisitions, sales and marketing, and leading the transition of print businesses to web-based publishing and software. John knows how to build strong teams and to leverage market trends and customer feedback to drive strategy.”

Lawler said, “Triumph Learning is a premier supplemental education publisher. Its imprints are among the most respected in the industry and it has tremendous growth potential. I am looking forward to working with the great team at Triumph in pursuing exciting new market opportunities.”

Lawler joins Triumph Learning after leading his own consulting firm, Arrow Advisory, LLC, which specializes in assisting media companies raise capital and develop and execute innovative growth strategies. From 2001 to 2006, he was President and CEO of Martindale-Hubbell and chief executive of the Emerging Markets division at LexisNexis. Prior to 2001, Lawler held executive positions in business and product development, sales and marketing, and general management

with Dun & Bradstreet. He received a BA from Williams College and an MBA from University of Virginia.

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, software and online services, serving the following markets: K-12 supplemental education, public library and school publishing and audio books. Hights Cross companies include: Triumph Learning (New York, NY), Buckle Down Publishing (Iowa City, IA), Options Publishing (Iowa City, IA), and Recorded Books (Prince Frederick, MD). For more information, visit www.hightscross.com.

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