

HAIGHTS CROSS COMMUNICATIONS **PRESS RELEASE**

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HAIGHTS CROSS COMMUNICATIONS NAMES LINDA KOONS EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT AND PUBLISHER

White Plains, NY, March 10, 2004 – Hights Cross Communications, Inc. (HCC) a leading educational and library publisher, announced that Linda Koons has been appointed executive vice president and publisher. Koons reports to Peter J. Quandt, HCC chairman and chief executive officer. The appointment is effective March 29, 2004.

“We are delighted that Linda has joined the HCC management team. She brings an extensive track record of accomplishment, leadership, and passion for developing and publishing high-quality educational books and new media. Linda will work with each of the HCC companies to leverage and accelerate their growth potential through product development, sales, and marketing initiatives,” said Quandt.

For the past two years, Koons has been a private consultant in education and publishing, working with a premier group of companies and organizations dedicated to improving education through new products, programs, and services. Prior to that, she held executive positions with Scholastic, Inc., including senior vice president, division head, and publisher for Scholastic's Education Group; vice president of Supplementary Publishing; and vice president of the Early Childhood Division. Koons has also held senior positions at The Walt Disney Company, Silver Burdett & Ginn Company, and Charles E. Merrill Publishing Company. She began her career as a reading teacher and reading supervisor. Koons received a B.A. in Elementary Education from Wittenberg University and an M. Ed. in Reading from Bowling Green State University.

Koons said: "Hights Cross has an impressive lineup of companies and brands with enormous potential to build on its market presence and reputation for quality products. I am truly excited about working with the many talented authors, editors, and other publishing professionals associated with this top notch organization."

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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