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HAIGHTS CROSS NAMES MELISSA L. LINSKY AS TREASURER

White Plains, NY, December 13, 2004—Hights Cross Communications, Inc. (HCC), a leading educational and library publisher, today announced that Melissa L. Linsky, Vice President – Finance & Planning, has been named to the position of HCC Treasurer. Since an early 2002 restructuring of HCC corporate finance, Linsky has successfully managed the cash management function for the company as well as all real estate and insurance matters. Linsky joined HCC in June 1999, and has since served as Vice President – Finance & Planning, overseeing the company’s financial planning and analysis activities. Previously, the HCC Treasurer title was held by Paul J. Crecca, HCC’s EVP and Chief Financial Officer, to whom Linsky will continue to report.

On Melissa’s appointment to Treasurer, Crecca said: “Melissa has very effectively handled essentially all treasury related functions for HCC for some time. This recognition is well deserved and overdue. Since 1999, Melissa has also expertly managed HCC’s financial planning function, which has provided the company with value-added financial information to improve growth and profitability and successfully set performance expectations.”

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), Options Publishing (Merrimack, NH), 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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