

HAIGHTS CROSS COMMUNICATIONS **PRESS RELEASE**

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HAIGHTS CROSS COMMUNICATIONS APPOINTS PAUL KONOWITCH PRESIDENT OF SUNDANCE/NEWBRIDGE

White Plains, NY, December 22, 2005 – Hights Cross Communications, Inc. (HCC), a leading educational and library publisher, announced today that Paul Konowitch has been appointed President and CEO of Hights Cross' Sundance/Newbridge publishing unit. He succeeds Robert Laronga, who is retiring. The appointment is effective, January 9, 2006.

Peter J. Quandt, HCC Chairman and CEO, said: "Since Paul Konowitch joined HCC in 2003, he has demonstrated strong leadership in helping us execute our strategic growth strategy. Paul led four successful acquisitions and has been instrumental in building a highly professional acquisition and integration process. He brings impressive business, financial management, and team building experience to his challenging new role at Sundance/Newbridge," Quandt said. "We also wish to thank Bob Laronga for his valuable contributions to HCC and Sundance/Newbridge. Under Bob's leadership, Sundance and Newbridge were successfully integrated, our Northborough operations center achieved outstanding efficiencies, our multi-tiered sales and marketing operations set an example for the industry, and Sundance/Newbridge's reputation for high-quality, innovative supplemental products increased significantly. We wish Bob well in his retirement."

Konowitch joined HCC in 2003 as Vice President for New Business Development. He was promoted to Senior Vice President for Corporate and New Business Development in 2004. Prior to joining HCC, Konowitch was a Managing Director at Gabelli Group Capital Partners and held earlier executive positions with The Thomson Corporation. Konowitch is a CPA and has earned B.A. and MBA degrees from Rutgers University.

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), Recorded Books (Prince Frederick, MD), and Oakstone Publishing (Birmingham, AL). For more information, visit www.hightscross.com.

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