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HAIGHTS CROSS COMMUNICATIONS APPOINTS RICH FREESE TO HEAD RECORDED BOOKS

New York, NY – May 2, 2011 – Hights Cross Communications, a premier educational and library publisher, has announced the appointment of Rich Freese as President and Chief Executive Officer of its Recorded Books, LLC, division. Recorded books, based in Prince Frederick, MD, is the world's largest independent producer of audiobooks. The appointment is effective today.

Ron Schlosser, Hights Cross Communications' President and Chief Executive Officer, said: "Rich has an extensive leadership background in the publishing industry, including companies specializing in trade, professional, scientific and technical, software, audio, and e-book products. Rich is a strong leader who will ensure Recorded Books is focused on achieving its aggressive business goals as well as tracking market trends and utilizing customer feedback about their needs and our strategy and approaches. I am delighted to welcome Rich to Recorded Books and Hights Cross Communications."

Freese comes to Recorded Books with over 30 years' experience in the publishing industry. Most recently, he was president of National Book Network, the distribution division of Rowman & Littlefield Publishing. He has also held senior leadership positions with BookMasters Distribution Services and Atlas Books, Publishers Group West, MBI Publishing Company, International Thompson, and other publishing companies. He earned a BA in history from Lynchburg College in Virginia.

"Recorded Books is a respected leader in its markets and has a well-established track record for excellence and innovation. In addition to continuing its publishing of magnificent audio books, Recorded Books will continue its investments in offering customers exciting new services and products that leverage proven and new technologies. I look forward to working with the Recorded Books team on leveraging the potential of our company's excellent brand and huge base of loyal customers."

About Recorded Books: Recorded Books, LLC, a Hights Cross Communications company, produces and distributes unabridged audiobooks and other audio products to public and university libraries and schools on CD, Playaway digital players and via a digital downloadable service. Over 9,000 titles are available for adults, children, and young adults in English and Spanish languages narrated by professional, award-winning actors. Packaging is designed for high circulation. One-year warranty, cataloging, processing, and free MARC records are available. Recorded Books also distributes education and entertainment database services, educational lectures, independent films on DVD. For more information, visit www.recordedbooks.com.

About Hights Cross Communications: Founded in 1997 and based in New York, NY, Hights Cross Communications is a premier educational and library publisher dedicated to creating the finest books, comprehensive reading programs, audio products, and software and online services, serving the following markets: K-12 supplemental education, public and school libraries, and consumers. Hights Cross companies include: Triumph Learning, Buckle Down Publishing, Options Publishing, and Recorded Books. Triumph Learning is HCC's electronic and print classroom instruction, test-preparation, and intervention business and is comprised of its Coach, Buckle Down, Options, and iCORE brands. Recorded Books is a leading publisher of unabridged audiobooks and other audio media for libraries, schools, and consumers, with operations in the U.S., U.K., and Australia. For more information, visit www.hightscross.com.