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Recorded Books Names Michael Pyland Chief Technology Officer

Prince Frederick, MD—January 13, 2010—Recorded Books, the world’s largest independent producer of audiobooks and a Hights Cross Communications company, today announced that Michael Pyland has been appointed Chief Technology Officer. This is a new senior management position for Recorded Books. Pyland reports directly to Scott Williams, President of Recorded Books.

“We are delighted to welcome Mike Pyland to Recorded Books, said Scott Williams. “The audio recording industry is changing and growing quickly. Recorded Books is already a leader in delivering digital audio products. We see huge additional growth opportunities by focusing even more intently on innovative and improved methods for content delivery and customer service. Mike will play a critical role in investigating and implementing new systems that help us to better meet the needs of our customers. Mike is an accomplished technologist with an impressive record of both designing and implementing new technology solutions.”

Michael Pyland has over 25 years experience in the Information Technology industry. He joins Recorded Books from Laureate Education, Inc. where he was Vice President of Technology. He has also held senior technology positions with Intelligent Healthcare and Virgin Records. He also ran his own software consulting and design firm, Pyland Development.

“I am excited about joining the Recorded Books’ team. There are huge opportunities today for rapid innovation in delivering online content to new markets and audiences worldwide. Recorded Books can build on its already impressive brand and leadership market position in delivering high quality audio products,” Pyland said.

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, cassette and Playaway digital player. Over 9,000 titles are available for adults, children, and young adults in English and Spanish languages narrated by professional, award-winning actors. Recorded Books also distributes music, educational lectures, independent films, and nonfiction films on DVD. Packaging is designed for high

circulation. One-year warranty, cataloging, processing, and free MARC records are available. For more information, visit www.recordedbooks.com.

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 libraries, and consumers. Hights Cross companies include: Triumph Learning, Buckle Down Publishing and Options Publishing, and Recorded Books. For more information, visit www.hightscross.com. Triumph Learning is HCC's test-preparation and intervention business and is comprised of its *Coach*, *Buckle Down*, and *Options* 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.

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