H&R Block to Webcast Annual Shareholder's Meeting on Sept. 8, 2004

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KANSAS CITY, Mo., Aug 31, 2004 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- H&R Block Inc. (NYSE:HRB) will host a live webcast of its annual Shareholder's Meeting in Kansas City, Mo. on Wednesday, Sept. 8 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. EDT. The live, listen- only format webcast and replay of the meeting will be available from the company's Web site at www.hrblock.com/about/investor through Nov. 30, 2004.

A live, listen-only conference call can also be accessed on Wednesday, Sept. 8 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. EDT. Please dial the number approximately 5 to 10 minutes prior to the scheduled starting time:

U.S./Canada (888) 425-2715 International (706) 679-8257

A replay of the call will be available beginning at 5:00 p.m. EDT Sept. 8 and continuing until 12:00 a.m. EDT Sept. 22, by dialing (800) 642-1687 (U.S./Canada) or (706) 645-9291 (International). The replay access code is 9607177.

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