

## **H&R Block Announces First Quarter Earnings Release Schedule**

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KANSAS CITY, Mo., Aug 21, 2002 /PRNewswire via COMTEX/ -- H&R Block Inc. (NYSE: HRB) will report fiscal 2003 first quarter financial results Tuesday, Aug. 27, 2002, after close of market. At that time, a copy of the first quarter press release will be available from the company's Web site at [www.hrblock.com](http://www.hrblock.com) .

In connection with its first quarter release, the company will also host a conference call for analysts and institutional investors at 5 p.m. EDT (4 p.m. CDT) Aug. 27. Mark A. Ernst, president and chief executive officer, Jeff Yabuki, executive vice president and chief operating officer, and Frank J. Cotroneo, senior vice president and chief financial officer, will discuss the quarter and future expectations, as well as respond to analysts' questions. The call will be Webcast in a listen-only format for the media and public. The link to the Webcast can be obtained at [www.hrblock.com](http://www.hrblock.com) .

A replay of the call will be available beginning at 8 p.m. EDT Aug. 27 and continuing until 8 p.m. EDT Sept. 3, by dialing 800-642-1687 (US/Canada) or 706-645-9291 (International). The replay access code is 4978007. A replay of the Webcast will also be available on the company's Web site at [www.hrblock.com](http://www.hrblock.com) through Sept. 3.

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