

## H&R Block Announces 33% Dividend Increase

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H&R Block, Inc. (NYSE: HRB) announced today that its Board of Directors has increased the annual cash dividend on the company's common shares by 33 percent to \$0.80 cents per share from \$0.60 per share.

The increase is effective with the quarterly cash dividend of \$0.20 per share, payable on January 5, 2012, to shareholders of record as of December 22, 2011. The January 5 payment marks the company's 197th consecutive quarterly dividend.

"This dividend increase is a direct reflection of the company's continued commitment to strong shareholder returns," said Bill Cobb, H&R Block's president and CEO. "It's a bold move that shows we are confident in our ability to grow clients and market share, and confident in our future."

About H&R Block H&R Block Inc. (NYSE: HRB) has prepared more than 575 million tax returns worldwide since 1955, making it the country's largest tax services provider. In fiscal 2011, H&R Block had annual revenues of \$3.8 billion and prepared more than 24.5 million tax returns worldwide, including Canada and Australia. Tax return preparation services are provided in company-owned and franchise retail tax offices by approximately 100,000 professional tax preparers, and through H&R Block At Home(TM) digital products. H&R Block Bank provides affordable banking products and services. For more information, visit the H&R Block Online Press Center.

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