

H&R Block Announces Release Schedule for Fiscal 2005 First-Quarter Results

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KANSAS CITY, Mo.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Aug. 17, 2004--H&R Block Inc. (NYSE:HRB) will report fiscal 2005 first-quarter financial results on Tuesday, Aug. 24, after close of market, 4 p.m. EDT. At that time, a copy of the press release will be available from the company's Web site at www.hrblock.com.

At 5 p.m. EDT, the company will host a conference call for analysts, institutional investors and shareholders. Mark A. Ernst, chairman of the board and chief executive officer, and Jeff Yabuki, executive vice president and chief operating officer, will discuss the quarter and future expectations, as well as respond to analysts' questions. To access the call, 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

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. Supplemental financial and statistical information will be available in connection with the webcast, or can be accessed directly on H&R Block's Investor Relations Web site at www.hrblock.com/about/investor following market close.

A replay of the call will be available beginning at 6:00 p.m. EDT Aug. 24 and continuing until 12:00 a.m. EDT Sept. 7, by dialing (800) 642-1687 (U.S./Canada) or (706) 645-9291 (International). The replay access code is 8632498. A replay of the webcast will also be available on the company's Web site at www.hrblock.com through Oct. 31, 2004.

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