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JOHN CARPANINI PROMOTED TO PRESIDENT OF JBL PROFESSIONAL

NORTHRIDGE, CALIFORNIA, January 18, 2005 — The Harman Pro Group today announced that John Carpanini has been promoted from Executive Vice President to President of JBL Professional, the world's leading designer, manufacturer, and marketer of professional loudspeakers for recording and broadcast, musician, cinema, touring sound, commercial sound and contracting applications. The promotion, which is effective immediately, was made today by Mark Terry, President of the Harman Pro Group.

"As Executive Vice President of JBL Professional, John has been responsible for generating significant and unprecedented growth in virtually every product line and every market served," Terry said today. "What's more, as a long-term Harman Pro Group senior executive, John has contributed greatly to the development of sales, marketing, and management programs that have helped to make other Group companies the market leaders they are today. He has proven that he has the experience, the commitment, and the talent to help chart the future of JBL Professional as President."

John Carpanini's promotion to President of JBL Professional caps a long career at the Harman Pro Group. Before becoming Executive Vice President of JBL Professional in January 2003, John Carpanini served from February 2001 until December 2002 as President of Harman's Soundcraft Group. From November 1998 until January 2001, he held the position of Vice President of Sales at JBL Professional. From July 1995 through October 1998, he served as Worldwide Distribution Director for the entire Harman Pro Group, managing all distribution programs for Harman in the United Kingdom, France, Germany, as well as Harman Pro North America in Nashville, Tennessee.



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“I am very proud to assume my new responsibilities at JBL Professional, and I thank my entire organization for their invaluable contributions to our company’s success,” Carpanini said today. “Together, we can define and implement the product, sales, marketing, and support programs that will continue to advance JBL Professional’s growth in all of the many varied and exciting markets we service worldwide.

About JBL Professional:

Headquartered in Northridge, California, JBL Professional is the world’s leading designer, manufacturer, and marketer of professional loudspeakers for recording and broadcast, musician, cinema, touring sound, commercial sound and contracting applications. JBL Professional is part of the Harman International network of professional and consumer audio companies. For complete product and company information, go to the JBL Professional website at www.jblpro.com.

About the Harman Pro Group:

Headquartered in Northridge, California, the Harman Pro Group is part of Harman International Industries, Incorporated (www.harman.com), a leading manufacturer of high-quality, high fidelity audio products and infotainment systems for the automotive, home and professional markets. The Company’s stock is traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol: HAR. Harman Pro Group companies include AKG Acoustics, BSS Audio, Crown International, dbx, DigiTech, JBL Professional, Lexicon, Soundcraft, and Studer.

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