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JBL PROFESSIONAL TO RECEIVE TECHNICAL GRAMMY® AWARD FROM THE RECORDING ACADEMY

NORTHRIDGE, CA, January 11, 2005 – The Recording Academy will present JBL Professional, part of Harman International Industries, Incorporated (NYSE: HAR), with a Technical Grammy® Award at a special ceremony to be held prior to the upcoming 47th annual Grammy Awards being telecast live on February 13, 2005.

According to JBL Professional President and Harman Pro Group President Mark Terry, JBL Professional will be recognized for making a lasting contribution to culture around the world. "All of us at JBL Professional are deeply honored to be recognized by The Recording Academy for technical achievement. Ever since the company was founded by James B. Lansing in 1946, JBL has dedicated itself to advancing the state-of-the-art in a broad range of entertainment technology, including music recording. This award is not only for a body of work that spans almost 60 years, it is also for a philosophy that continues to guide our efforts today."

In a news release issued yesterday, The Recording Academy President Neil Portnow also announced that a Technical Grammy Award will be presented to legendary producer Phil Ramone, an early advocate of the CD who has also been an audio supervisor for the Grammy telecasts. According to Portnow these awards, "recognize music people who have made a lasting contribution to culture around the world. These profoundly inspiring figures are being honored as legendary performers and archetypal musicians, cultural ambassadors and technical visionaries. Their outstanding accomplishments and passion for their craft have created a timeless legacy that has positively affected multiple generations, and will continue to influence generations to come."

In selecting JBL Professional, The Recording Academy noted that "JBL has been pre-eminent in high-end loudspeaker technology for all facets of professional sound since its formation in 1946. As broadcast, recording and motion pictures entered the stereo era in the early '50s, JBL was there with the world's first four-inch voice coil cone drivers and commercially available compression drivers. As the rock movement gathered momentum during the late '60s, JBL eventually became the preferred manufacturer for

both musical instrument loudspeakers as well as music reinforcement activities. In recent years, JBL's introduction of VERTEC® line array systems has been heralded as the leading edge in array technology and system synthesis, and has been the sound reinforcement system of choice for the GRAMMY Awards shows."

The Technical Grammy Award recognizes individuals and organizations that have made significant contributions, other than performance, to the field of recording. The Technical Grammy was first awarded in 1994.

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, dbx, Crown International, JBL Professional, Lexicon, Soundcraft, and Studer.

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