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Helen of Troy Limited to Release and Webcast Third Quarter Financial Results on Thursday, January 6, 2005

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EL PASO, Texas, Dec 27, 2004 /PRNewswire-FirstCall via COMTEX/ -- Helen of Troy Limited (Nasdaq: HELE) designer, developer and worldwide marketer of brand-name personal care and household consumer products, today announced it will release third quarter financial results prior to the opening of trading on Thursday, January 6, 2005.

The Company's quarterly earnings conference call has been scheduled for Thursday, January 6, 2005, at 11:00 a.m. ET. Gerald J. Rubin, Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and President, Christopher L. Carameros, Executive Vice President, Thomas J. Benson, Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Robert D. Spear, Senior Vice President, Chief Information Officer will host the conference call. Members of the news media, investors and the general public are invited to access a live broadcast of the conference call via the Investor Relations page of the Company's website at http://www.hotus.com . This event will be archived and available for replay through February 28, 2005.

Helen of Troy Limited is a leading designer, producer and global marketer of brand-name personal care and household consumer products. The Company's personal care products include hair dryers, curling irons, hair setters, women's shavers, brushes, combs, hair accessories, home hair clippers, mirrors, foot baths, body massagers, paraffin baths, liquid hair styling products, body powder and skin care products. The Company's household products include consumer product tools in the kitchen, cleaning, barbecue, barware, storage, organization, garden and automotive categories. The Company's products are sold by mass merchandisers, drug chains, warehouse clubs and grocery stores under licensed trade marks including Vidal Sassoon(R), licensed from The Procter & Gamble Company, Revlon(R), licensed from Revlon Consumer Products Corporation, Dr. Scholl's(R), licensed from Schering-Plough HealthCare Products, Inc., Sunbeam(R), Health at Home(R) and Health o meter(R)

licensed from Sunbeam Products, Inc., Sea Breeze(R), licensed from Shiseido Company Ltd., and Vitapointe(R), licensed from Sara Lee Household and Body Care UK Limited. Helen of Troy's owned brands include OXO(R), Brut(R), Vitalis(R), Final Net(R), Ammens(R), Condition 3-in-1(R), Dazey(R), Caruso(R), Karina(R), DCNL(TM), Nandi (TM), Isobel(TM), and WaveRage(R). The Company also markets hair and beauty care products under the Helen of Troy(R), Hot Tools(R), Hot Spa(R), Salon Edition(R), Gallery Series(R), and Wigo(R) trademarks to the professional beauty salon industry.

This press release may contain certain forward-looking statements, which are subject to change. A number of risks or uncertainties could cause actual results to differ materially from historical or anticipated results. Generally, the words "anticipates," "believes", "expects" and other similar words identify forward-looking statements. The Company cautions readers to not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements. The actual results may differ materially from those described in any forward-looking statements. The Company intends its forward-looking statements to speak only as of the time of such statements, and does not undertake to update or revise them as more information becomes available. Additional information concerning potential factors that could affect the Company's financial results is included in the Company's Form 10-K for the year ended February 29, 2004, and the Form 10-Q's dated May 31, 2004 and August 31, 2004.

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