

Willis Appoints Senior Russian Team

Willis Group Holdings Ltd announces that Leonid Zelenov, currently Managing Director of its Russian operation has been appointed Chairman. Alexander Starostin, at present Head of the Marine Division, succeeds Leonid as Managing Director.

These appointments follow more than 10 years of consistent growth for the Willis Russian operation, which is now the largest in the region. A major contributory factor to the success of the business has been the close working relationship between the Russian office and Willis' specialist divisions, particularly Marine, Aerospace and Global Property & Casualty.

Sarah Turvill, Chief Executive of Willis International Holdings said: "Both Leonid and Alexander have played a key role in our success in recent years and their promotions are well deserved. We have ambitious goals for growth and development in this important emerging market and in Leonid and Alexander we have an excellent team to lead the operation to its next stage of expansion."

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