

Willis Appoints General Counsel

Willis Group Holdings has announced the appointment of William P Bowden, Jr. as General Counsel. He will also serve on the Company's Group Executive Committee.

In this newly created role, Mr Bowden will be responsible for the Group's legal and regulatory affairs globally. Reporting to Joe Plumeri, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, he will lead the work of the legal, compliance and corporate secretarial teams across the Company.

Mr Bowden was previously Managing Director and General Counsel for the Americas of Société Générale, the French banking group, and has also held senior positions in a number of other major international financial services firms. In addition, between 1991 and 1994, Mr Bowden served as Chief Counsel for the U.S. Treasury Department's Office of the Comptroller of the Currency.

Joe Plumeri said, "We are very pleased to welcome Bill Bowden to Willis. We have set ourselves ambitious goals and Bill's appointment is integral to our plans for global growth and development. With his extensive business and professional experience, Bill will play a key role in the senior management of Willis, and we look forward to his contributions."

Bill Bowden said, "I am delighted to be joining Willis at such an exciting time. Joe Plumeri is a dynamic leader, with a clear vision for the Group's expansion. The Company enjoys strong market positions and has tremendous upside potential. I look forward to helping the Group realize its ambitions."

Willis Group Holdings is a leading global insurance broker, developing and delivering professional insurance, reinsurance, risk management, financial and human resource consulting and actuarial services to corporations, public entities and institutions around the world. With over 300 offices in more than 100 countries, its global team of 13,000 associates serves over 50,000 clients in 160 countries. Willis has particular expertise in serving the needs of clients in such major industries as construction, aerospace, marine and energy. In June 2001 the Group returned to public ownership and is listed on the New York Stock Exchange (symbol: WSH). Additional information on Willis may be found on its web site www.willis.com.