

### **Willis Group Voluntarily Certifies SEC Filings**

London, U.K., August 15, 2002 - Willis Group Holdings Limited (NYSE: WSH), the global insurance broker, today announced that Joe Plumeri, Chairman and CEO, and Tom Colraine, Chief Financial Officer, have voluntarily certified the company's Form 20-F for 2001 and Form 6-K reports for the first and second quarters of 2002 as filed with the US Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC).

Amid recent, widespread concerns about companies' accounting practices, Willis is taking this step to assure the investment community, clients and associates of the integrity of its reported financial results.

"Investor confidence has been severely shaken and CEOs and CFOs have an obligation to shareholders and their employees that transcends a narrow reading of these statutory requirements," Plumeri said. "We are entrusted with people's livelihoods and their savings; we must, at all times, conduct ourselves with the highest ethical standards. If top managers do not have the confidence to stand behind their numbers, how can they expect others to believe in their personal integrity and invest in the company?"

Plumeri has previously stated publicly that he will never sell a single share of Willis stock while employed by the company. As he noted at the time, "It would be hypocritical of me to sell the stock when I am advocating that others buy it." Mr. Plumeri's record during his 34-year business career reflects this position. Plumeri has also expressed his belief that top executives at publicly traded firms, including chief executives, should be prohibited from selling shares in their own companies while they run those firms.

A link to the certifications as filed will be posted on the Investor Relations section of the company's web site ([www.willis.com](http://www.willis.com)) on Thursday, August 15.

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