

Willis Promotes Industry Veteran to Grow

London, U.K., October 23, 2002 - Willis Group Holdings (NYSE: WSH), the global insurance broker, today announces the appointment of Mario Vitale as Chairman of Willis Risk Solutions, the company's global large account practice.

Mr. Vitale joined Willis as a Group Executive Vice President of Global Sales and Marketing in 2000. Prior to joining Willis, Mr. Vitale was President of the Risk Management Division of Kemper Insurance Company and President of the Risk Management Division of Reliance National with full global responsibilities. He has over 25 years of management experience in the insurance sector.

"Since joining Willis only a few years ago, Mario has made major contributions in our sales development," said Joe Plumeri, Chairman and CEO of Willis Group Holdings. "Due to Mario's leadership in this area, today we enjoy robust sales databases and are successfully embedding a sales-driven culture. "

"We have major ambitions to grow our large account practice," Plumeri continued. "Mario's industry track record, combined with his extensive experience in this area, equips him well for taking responsibility for Willis Risk Solutions."

In addition to his role as global leader of Willis Risk Solutions, Mr. Vitale will continue to drive our marketing efforts, retaining responsibility for the work of the Global Strategic Marketing Management and North American Strategic Marketing teams.