

Willis appoints Group Training and Development Director

Willis Group Holdings Limited (NYSE:WSH), the global insurance broker, today announces the appointment of Leo F Flanagan as Group Training and Development Director.

In this newly created position, Leo will work closely with Joe Plumeri, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer and other senior management to develop and execute the Group's global training and development strategy.

Welcoming Leo to Willis, Joe Plumeri said: "We have made tremendous progress in our vision to create the world's greatest insurance broking firm. This role is a key part of that process.

"Everything we do is driven by the Value Gap - the difference between what clients can do for themselves and what we can do for them; the greater the gap, the more value we provide to our clients. Leo's role will be to equip Willis Associates with what they need to drive that gap ever wider so that we continually provide best products and service to our clients."

Leo Flanagan said: "I am delighted to be joining Willis at such an exciting time. It has a clear vision and a dynamic leadership, fully committed to investing the resources necessary to achieve its ambitions.

"My job is to ensure our training and development programs are highly focussed, commercially driven and designed to differentiate us further from our peers."

Leo Flanagan brings over 20 years of senior professional and academic experience to his current position. Most recently he was Global Leadership and Organizational Development Director at Merrill Lynch and, prior to that, Senior Vice President and Practice Leader - Employee and Customer Loyalty at the Forum Corporation.

Willis Group Holdings Limited is a leading global insurance broker, developing and delivering professional insurance, reinsurance, 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 (NYSE: WSH). Additional information on Willis may be found on its web site www.willis.com

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