

Robert Gayner seconded to Willis GmbH

Willis Group Holdings (NYSE: WSH) announces that Robert Gayner has been seconded to Willis GmbH, its German subsidiary, where he will assume the responsibilities formerly undertaken by Walther Kiep, who has resigned from the company for personal reasons.

As managing director, Robert will work closely with Dr Rolf Cyrus, co-managing director, and will lead on the integration of Willis GmbH with the rest of the Group. This follows the Group's recent acquisition of an additional 20% stake in Willis GmbH (formerly known as Jaspers Wuppesahl Industrie Assekuranz GmbH & Co KG) to take its holding to 67%.

Robert has been with the Willis Group for nearly 30 years in a number of senior positions, most recently as Director - Strategic Insurer Relationships. He has been a director of Willis Limited since 1977. His background is in Reinsurance and Marine business and he has long experience of the Group's German speaking clients.

Dr Rolf Cyrus will retain his wide responsibilities and in addition take Walther Kiep's place on the Executive Council of Willis Group Ltd.

Sarah Turvill, Chief Executive of Willis International Holdings, said "This is an exciting time for Willis GmbH and we have ambitious plans for its growth and development. With his extensive broking experience and his knowledge of the German market, Robert will, I know, do a great job in launching the integration process while working closely with the Willis GmbH team to continue their successful day-to-day activities."

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