

### **Willis Group Appoints William C. Bartholomay Vice Chairman**

New York, NY, August 6, 2003 - Willis Group Holdings Limited (NYSE:WSH), the global insurance broker, today announces a major addition to its senior leadership team, designed to strengthen the company at a time of accelerating growth and market penetration. William C. Bartholomay, a recognized insurance brokerage leader, has been named Group Vice Chairman of Willis Group Holdings as well as Vice Chairman of its principal US subsidiary Willis North America. Mr. Bartholomay joins Willis from Near North National Group where he served as President and a member of its Board of Directors. Reporting directly to Willis Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Joe Plumeri, Bartholomay will maintain offices in Chicago and New York.

Bartholomay has more than 30 years of insurance industry experience. During his tenure as President of Near North, he spearheaded a number of client communication and organizational development efforts. He previously served as President and Vice Chairman of Frank B. Hall and Associates.

Bartholomay is also Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Atlanta Braves. He has been involved with the team as a director or owner ever since he led a six-person group that bought the Milwaukee Braves in 1962 and moved the team to Atlanta in 1966. Bartholomay serves on Major League Baseball's Executive Council, chairs the Ownership Committee, co-chairs the League's Equal Opportunity Committee, and is a Trustee of the Major League Baseball Players Pension Plan. He is also a member of the Atlanta Braves Hall of Fame.

Welcoming Bill Bartholomay to Willis, Joe Plumeri said, "Bill has distinguished himself as a leader in business, sports, civic and philanthropic organizations. He is a man of unquestionable integrity and forthright leadership; his involvement with a diverse group of concerns speaks volumes about his ability to contribute to Willis. We are pleased and honored to welcome him and look forward to his input and perspective as we continue to execute our vision to build the world's greatest insurance brokerage firm."

Bill Bartholomay joined Mr. Plumeri in making the announcement, "I am delighted to be joining Joe Plumeri and his management team at Willis. Under Joe's leadership, Willis has made great strides toward becoming the best firm in the business. They are distinguishing themselves with clients and carriers alike and I am truly excited to be able to help Willis accomplish even more."

In addition to his insurance and sports interests, Bartholomay is a Director of International Steel Group, WMS Industries and Midway Games. He is also active in numerous public service, educational and charitable activities, including the Chicago Public Building Commission, the Lincoln Park Zoological Society, the Chicago Parkways Foundation, the Museum of Science and Industry, the Adler Planetarium, and several educational institutions including Illinois Institute of Technology and Roosevelt University.

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 direct and associate offices in more than 100

countries, its global team of 13,000 Associates serves clients in some 180 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. Additional information on Willis may be found on its web site [www.willis.com](http://www.willis.com)