

# News Release

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## **WILLIS GROUP INCREASES STOCK BUYBACK AUTHORIZATION**

**New York, NY, September 8, 2004** – Willis Group Holdings Limited (NYSE: WSH), the global insurance broker, today announced that the Board of Directors approved an increase in the Company's existing common share buyback authorization from \$300 million to \$500 million.

The buyback is an open-ended plan to purchase, from time to time in the open market or through negotiated trades with persons who are not affiliates of the Company, shares of the Company's common stock.

To date, the Company has repurchased approximately \$250 million of its common stock.

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