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WILLIS' HEALTHCARE PRACTICE ADDS LIFE SCIENCES BUSINESS

New York, NY, August 25, 2004 – Willis Group Holdings (NYSE: WSH), the global insurance broker, announces today the appointment of Lyn Rossano, MPH as Senior Vice President and Life Sciences Practice Leader. The Life Sciences Practice is a sub-practice/specialty within the Healthcare Practice and a logical extension of the capabilities of the Willis Healthcare Practice led by Dow Walker. Lyn will be located in the Bethesda, Maryland office.

As a practice group leader at Willis, one of Lyn's principal roles is to provide expert production assistance for pharmaceutical, biotechnology, and medical device business to Willis offices around North America. As such, Lyn will assist local client teams, facilitating the coordination of Willis resources, lending expertise, advocating for clients at the most senior level necessary and ensuring that client needs and expectations are being met.

Lyn is also charged with new product development and working with underwriters at the home office level, assisting in their efforts to develop coverages and contracts that track with changes in business environment and client needs.

Lyn has been with Willis for 3 years, working with the Capital Market, specializing in Biotechnology business. Lyn began her insurance career in 1984 as an underwriter for the American International Group (Lexington Insurance Company) in Boston specializing in healthcare liability and life sciences liability.

Prior to taking a 4 year hiatus to pursue her doctorate in Epidemiology, Lyn pioneered the field of life sciences research risk management and liability insurance during her seven year tenure at the CNA Insurance Company in New York City.

Lyn is the author of several published scholarly papers based on her research and has presented her work at various academic conferences. She is also a frequent presenter on the topic of life sciences industry liability and risk management topics at industry based seminars and conferences.

Lyn holds a Masters Degree in Epidemiology from Columbia University in New York City. She is currently completing her doctoral degree, also from Columbia University, in Epidemiology.

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