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Willis CEO in Alabama Outlines Aggressive Growth Plans

New York, NY, August 2, 2004 – Willis Group Holdings (NYSE: WSH), the global insurance broker, announced today the appointment of Robert Drew as CEO overseeing all Alabama operations – Mobile, Birmingham and Montgomery. Drew, with Willis for 10 years, the last three of which he has served as CEO of the Mobile office, is now charged with growing statewide operations just as he has done in the Southern Alabama area.

By bringing the three offices under one leader, Willis will foster greater partnership and closer coordination befitting its *glocal*, One Flag approach to delivering best-in-class service to clients.

Drew's plans for aggressive growth of the Alabama operations include continued organic growth as well as recruiting additional producer talent to join Willis. He will also actively explore acquisition opportunities across the state.

"The Willis Model, building all operations around the client, is the only one of its kind among the global insurance brokers," said Drew. "Add to that the renewed energy and enthusiasm Willis has fostered over the last several years, and I am excited about our drive to build the world's greatest insurance broker."

"Through growing the Mobile offices by various measures, Robert Drew has proven himself as a successful, disciplined and thoughtful leader," said Joe Gunn, Willis' South Central Regional Executive Officer. "He knows the state, relates to the needs of our clients and prospects and has the respect of his colleagues. I am confident that under Robert's leadership, Alabama will be one of our most successful operations."

As part of the three offices coming together, Lane Milam, currently CEO of Willis' Birmingham office, will take on the newly created role of Executive Vice President, Willis Risk Solutions. In this capacity, he will focus his efforts on growing Willis' large account practice in Alabama.

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