

News Release

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Special Contingency Risks and DBA Coverage Willis Webcast / Conference Call on December 16 to address Special Contingency Risks and DBA Coverage

New York, NY, December 13, 2004 – Kidnapping is increasingly being utilized as a political weapon in the Middle East and other regions. This trend can potentially impact the ability of the private sector to conduct operations in these areas safely and profitably. Meanwhile, economically motivated kidnappings continue to increase worldwide, reaching new areas once considered safe.

Kidnap & Ransom insurance is an important aspect of any risk management strategy. Coupled with proper threat assessment, prevention training and professional response expertise, a comprehensive K&R program can better enable organizations to deal with the multifaceted exposures that come with operating in high risk environments.

Defense Base Act coverage is federally mandated Workers' Compensation insurance for *all* employees (not just US citizens) of US government contractors and subcontractors working overseas. Often misunderstood, DBA is critical protection that interfaces with coverage provided by K&R insurance. Employers subject to the Act need to understand the complementary protection these two coverages can provide.

As a component of our Client Advocate model and a reflection of our commitment to maintain open communications with our clients, **Lisa M. Zanutelli**, Executive Director and **Derek A. Rogers**, Divisional Director, Willis' Special Contingency Risks Practice, and **Kirk V. Metcalf**, CEO of Willis' Washington D.C. Office, will host a webcast / conference call on Thursday, December 16 at 2:30 PM Eastern Time to discuss the overall threat environment, K&R insurance and DBA coverage, and risk management tools and strategies designed to enhance employee safety and protect company assets.

Interested parties may access the conference call by calling (800) 857-1778 (domestic) and +1 (517) 308-9002 (international) with a passcode of Willis. The webcast and accompanying PowerPoint presentation are available via www.willis.com/Extras/webcasts.aspx. Media are invited to attend and participate. Participants are asked to call in 10 minutes prior to the call in order to register for the event.

The conference call may also be accessed in a listen-only mode via the link above. A replay of the call will be available through February 16, 2005 at 5:00 PM Eastern Time, by calling (866)

396-6279 (domestic) or +1 (203) 369-0514 (international) with no passcode, or by accessing the web site.

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