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Business Insurance Readers Vote: Willis Re is the Best Reinsurance Intermediary of the Year

New York and London, October 12, 2005 – A subscribers' poll conducted by *Business Insurance* – a leading magazine covering the global insurance industry – has named Willis Re, the reinsurance unit of Willis Group Holdings (NYSE:WSH), the Best Reinsurance Intermediary of the Year. The results were published in *Business Insurance* today.

Thousands of subscribers participated in the *Business Insurance* 2005 Readers Choice Awards using a confidential online balloting system. Voters were asked who they thought the leaders were in terms of service, quality and innovation in 11 different industry categories. Willis Re beat nine other reinsurance brokers to win the honor.

“2005 has been an extraordinary year – not just for the insurance industry, but for the global economy. Hurricanes, earthquakes, flooding and the constant threat of terrorism have made this quite a year for multi-national companies every where they operate,” said **Joe Plumeri**, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Willis. “And within our industry, sweeping changes are taking hold like never before. We are proud to be part of this critical sector enabling global commerce to continue operating and to be leading the broking community in making changes to the fundamentals of our business model making sure we are focused on taking care of clients and delivering best-in-class service. This is why we are so honored that the readers of *Business Insurance* have recognized Willis with this distinction.”

On accepting the award, **Grahame Millwater**, Chairman of Willis Re, said, “What really differentiates us has to be the quality of our people and the passion we have for our clients. The integrated way we offer skills and services, reflecting the real team orientation of our resources globally and the consistency and continuity of our offering is a key component of our Client Advocacy model which, based on this recognition, is clearly resonating in the industry.

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