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WILLIS GROUP ANNOUNCES SENIOR NORTH AMERICAN APPOINTMENT IN SOUTHEAST REGION

New York, NY, May 23, 2005 – Willis Group Holdings (NYSE: WSH), the global insurance broker, continuing to attract the best talent in the insurance industry, today announces that Wayne Herrington has joined Willis as Regional Executive Officer (REO) to lead the Southeast Region encompassing Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina and Florida. He will also assume the role of National Leader for Willis' Gaming Practice. Herrington will be based in Atlanta.

Herrington joins from Marsh where he has worked for 15 years most recently as a Managing Director and Regional Manager overseeing their Northwest Zone – encompassing offices across Washington, Oregon, Alaska, Utah and Idaho.

Prior to taking responsibility for the Northwest Region at Marsh, Herrington was charged with leading Marsh's gaming business unit in the Las Vegas/Reno regional office. Under his leadership the unit enjoyed tremendous growth.

Herrington joins a great team of insurance professionals for Willis in the Southeast Region. As REO, he is charged with growing Willis' operations. Following Willis' stated growth strategy, he has aggressive plans for the entire region including organic growth as well as recruiting additional producer talent. He will also actively explore acquisition opportunities.

Welcoming Herrington, Mario Vitale, CEO of Willis North America, said, "Wayne is a great addition to an already strong group of Willis managers. During the course of his career in the insurance brokerage business, he has built teams to deliver innovative solutions to clients and has consistently grown revenue making the most of all tools at his disposal. We are happy to have him on board and look forward to his strong contribution across our regional business and for our Gaming Practice."

Herrington said, "I have been serving clients for most of my insurance career. The Willis Client Advocate model is the best platform I have seen to build all brokerage services around the client. It's a high-touch, service-driven model that combines Willis' global expertise and reach with a commitment to local delivery that supports a strong partnership with our clients."

"Willis already has a strong position in the gaming market," Herrington continued, "and I look forward to contributing to continued growth in this exciting and fast-growing sector. Gaming is a global business with special risks and exceptional service needs; Willis is uniquely positioned to provide unmatched services with a global team that really understands gaming."

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