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Willis Re Grows U.S. Specialty Practice Vincent D. Liotta Joins as Executive Vice President and Production Director

New York, NY, October 3, 2005 – Willis Group Holdings (NYSE: WSH), the global insurance broker, strengthening its Willis Re management team, announces today the appointment of Vincent D. Liotta as Executive Vice President and Production Director of the Willis Re U.S. Specialty Practice. Earlier this year Willis Re merged its Global Marine, Aviation, Retro and London Market Non Marine businesses to form Willis Re Specialty. Liotta joins Leo Magrath, the newly appointed Executive Vice President and Operations Director, and they will jointly manage the New York Specialty area, reporting to Chris N Clark, Chief Executive Officer of Willis Re Specialty.

Liotta, formerly Senior Vice President of Global Marine, Energy, and Aviation for Arch Insurance Group (U.S.), is a seasoned veteran with 28 years of experience in developing and managing all facets of Marine, Energy, Aviation, and Aerospace underwriting and reinsurance broking. In this new capacity, Liotta will lead the effort to heighten Willis Re's profile in the specialty marketplace, and also create additional production synergies with the Willis Re U.S. Property and Casualty Practice.

While at Arch Insurance (U.S.), Liotta successfully built and managed a global Marine, Energy, and Aviation team. Prior to joining Arch, he was Managing Director, Marine, Energy, and Aviation at Guy Carpenter from 1998 to 2002, where his accomplishments included significant increases in revenues and much improved margins, the addition of prominent new clients, and new and improved relationships with all key North American, Bermudian and London reinsurers.

Liotta began his career in 1978 with the Marine Division of Fireman's Fund, where he served in a number of capacities over the next 20 years, with ever-increasing responsibilities in underwriting and management. As Marine Division Manager, he was a member of the Fund's reinsurance buying team

Among Liotta's industry credentials are his past chairmanships of the American Hull Insurance Syndicate, the Cargo Reinsurance Association, the American Cargo War Risks Reinsurance Exchange, and the American War Risks (Hull) Agency.

"Vinnie, whose distinguished career includes operations, human resources, market relations, fiscal management, and catastrophe management, brings with him proven leadership abilities that will be invaluable to our efforts to better serve our clients," said Grahame Millwater, Chairman and CEO, Willis Re

Also welcoming Liotta, Chris N Clark commented, "The U.S. Specialty Practice is pivotal to the growth and prosperity of the global businesses which make up Willis Re Specialty, and I am delighted that Vinnie

is now part of the Willis Re team. The unique London/New York relationship that exists within Willis Re Specialty will be further enhanced by the appointment of Vinnie and the promotion of Leo".

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