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WILLIS GROUP EXPANDS IN CENTRAL EUROPE

Acquires outstanding shares of Polish subsidiary and establishes operations in Ukraine

New York, NY, April 22, 2005 – Willis Group Holdings (NYSE: WSH), the global insurance broker, announces today that it has acquired the remaining 30% of the shares it did not already own of **Willis Polska SA**, its Polish subsidiary.

Willis Polska was established in the early 1990s when the Central European markets opened up. We have grown strongly over the years and the acquisition of the remaining shares is the natural progression.

Concurrently the company announces that it has established an operating unit in Kiev, Ukraine. This will be a new start up consisting of a fully owned local limited liability company providing a full range of insurance services within Ukraine.

Joe Plumeri, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Willis, said: "We are delighted to have Willis Polska as a fully owned part of the Willis team. We are pleased with the progress we have made in Poland and believe this step strengthens our base for further growth there.

"We are also excited about our entry into Ukraine. We welcome our new Managing Director there, Vyacheslav Andriyko, and his team. This is an important addition to our network and, coming at such an important time in Ukraine's life, we are excited by the business growth prospects."

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