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WILLIS GROUP STRENGTHENS NORTH AMERICAN SPORTS ENTERTAINMENT & MEDIA PRACTICE

New York, NY, January 13, 2005 – Willis Group Holdings (NYSE: WSH), the global insurance broker, continuing to strengthen its specialty practice groups, today announces that **Ray Pomante**, an insurance professional with 26 years of industry experience, has joined Willis as the North American Sports, Entertainment & Media Industry Leader. He joins from Marsh's Philadelphia office where he served as Senior Vice President of their National Sport's and Entertainment Practice. He will report to **Lou Daniels**, Executive Vice President, North America Middle Market Leader.

In his new capacity, Pomante is charged with developing and executing a national new business sales strategy within the Sports, Entertainment & Media Practice. Working with clients and prospects, industry markets and the current Willis Sports, Entertainment and Media team members, Pomante will create new and creative solutions to risks facing the industry today, including special events and other contingent coverage's. Ray and his team of professionals will work with our other Willis specialists and experts in meeting our client's needs in the areas of Executive Risk, Environmental, Construction and Employee Benefits.

The cornerstones of the Practice will include the Willis Client Bill of Rights, the Willis Excellence Model and the delivery of the Willis Value Experience. These protocols guide, detail and monitor the level of service a client receives ensuring customer satisfaction.

"Ray Pomante is a seasoned professional – a stand-out in the Sports, Entertainment and Media arena with a deep understanding of the unique risk management needs of this specialized sector and a passion for delivering personal service," said Mario Vitale, CEO of Willis North America. "We are pleased that he has joined Willis and look forward to his contribution."

Pomante says, "I am very excited about the opportunity and being part of a company who has set a leadership tone for our industry. I look forward to working with my new team to build an even stronger and more vibrant Sports, Entertainment and Media Practice."

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