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Willis Voted 2005 Insurance Broker of the Year

London, UK, September 6, 2005 – A readers' poll conducted by *Reactions* Magazine – the leading financial magazine for the global insurance market – has named Willis Group Holdings (NYSE:WSH) the 2005 Insurance Broker of the Year *and* the Most Innovative Insurance Broker of the Year. This was announced today at the *Reactions* Awards lunch in London.

Hundreds of readers participated in the online poll which was conducted over several weeks. Voting is open to all companies and the only requirement is that people cannot vote for their own firm. Willis was given the coveted title of 2005 Insurance Broker of the Year after beating the closest contender by a double digit margin. Willis also received the additional honor of being named Most Innovative Insurance Broker of the Year. This exciting news comes ahead of the Reinsurance Rendezvous in Monte Carlo next week.

“Over the last few years, we have been making great strides at Willis – enhancing an already strong company on a solid foundation,” said **Joe Plumeri**, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Willis. “We are honored that the readers of *Reactions* Magazine have awarded us with this distinction; that it comes from our peers is especially meaningful.

“The past year has been one of the most turbulent in the history of insurance, but these awards prove that Willis was the best equipped to weather the storm by responding to the challenges with innovative solutions like our Client Advocacy Model and our Client Bill of Rights,” Plumeri continued. “This, coupled with our strategy of putting our global resources and expertise at clients' fingertips, has made Willis the rock in extremely uncertain waters.”

With a circulation of over 15,000 copies per month, *Reactions* is read by key decision makers in the insurance industry. The magazine's global focus means it reaches top executives all over the world, including chief financial officers of FTSE 500 and Fortune 500 corporations.

According to *Reactions* website, “This is the only awards poll open to all industry participants. That means it is the only poll that truly reflects which companies are regarded as the best globally.”

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