

News Release

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Willis Maintains Focus on Growth in California

New York, NY, August 3, 2005 – Willis Group Holdings (NYSE: WSH), the global insurance broker, continuing to grow its enterprise in key markets throughout North America announces today the appointment of three insurance leaders to their San Francisco, California operations.

Alan Fine, Robert Gall, and Chip Holden, have joined Willis.

Fine, formerly Senior Vice President Alternative Risk Solutions-Strategic Liabilities and Mass Torts Practice Leader at Marsh, joins as Managing Director of Willis Risk Solutions, the broker's large account practice. He is charged with building and enhancing the unit on the West Coast. Using organic growth, recruiting new producers, and aligning the objectives of the practice with the company's goals of growth and profitability, Fine is responsible for introducing Willis to new business opportunities. He has over 20 years of insurance experience in multiple segments, and is an industry leader in risk finance.

Gall, formerly Senior Vice President of Property Claims Practice at Marsh, is Senior Vice President and Risk Solutions Property Team Leader. His most recent experience is as a Claims Consultant and Property Claims Practice Leader, which positions him expertly to advance Willis' Client Advocacy model. With a degree in Civil Engineering, Gall has spent his 18 year career in the insurance industry. During this time he has held positions in Claims Management, Underwriting and Loss Control Engineering all dealing with a variety of industry segments including Utilities, Semiconductor, Chemical, Mining, Pulp and Paper, Public Entities, Real Estate and Manufacturing. Gall is also a Chartered Property Casualty Underwriter (CPCU).

Holden, formerly Senior Vice President and Branch Manager at ACE USA, joins as Senior Vice President of Willis Risk Solutions. He has spent his 26 year career in the insurance industry throughout the San Francisco/Northern California area. Holden has held previous leadership roles as an underwriter and has professional experience with the reinsurance industry as a broker. Holden has spent the past 10 years overseeing a variety of large Fortune 1000 accounts.

In announcing these appointments, Arlene Corsetti, Regional Executive Officer of the North American Western Region of Willis, said, "We are very excited to be strengthening our presence in San Francisco. With an aggressive plan for growth, I am confident that this solid group of professionals will deliver a high level of service and value to clients while developing essential new business."

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