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Willis Strengthens Leadership Team in Asia

New York, NY August 2, 2005 – Willis Group Holdings (NYSE: WSH), the global insurance broker, today announces the appointment of Roger Wilkinson as Managing Director of Asia. Wilkinson will be located in Hong Kong.

Formerly Chairman and CEO of the Greater China Region (China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Macau, Philippines and Guam) for Marsh, Wilkinson's new responsibilities include managing Willis' current Asian operations and developing strategies for potential expansion into emerging Asian countries. A New Zealander, he began his career with Marsh in New Zealand in 1973.

While Willis' Asian operations have enjoyed healthy revenue growth in recent years, recognizing that there is great potential for additional new business in this expanding economic sector, makes this appointment even more significant.

Commenting on Wilkinson's assignment, Adam Garrard, Managing Director Asia Pacific, said, "We have come a long way in Asia by enthusiastically embracing the Global Resource Local Delivery model. Our approach to Client Advocacy, our respect for and understanding of our clients wherever they are located, our ability to draw on the combined knowledge and expertise of the Group and our passion for premier service delivery has resulted in impressive growth for the region. What we now require is further investment in our existing Associates and the recruitment of additional strong and talented individuals to leverage our advantages. I can think of no better qualified person than Roger Wilkinson to take this forward and I am delighted that Roger has decided to join us."

Wilkinson said, "I have been watching the Willis story for a number of years now and have been impressed by what I've seen. Having spent my entire career at Marsh, I was careful to thoroughly review the alternatives, when it came time to make a change. Willis' dedication to Client Advocacy, their One Flag approach, and the models that they have adopted are all truly unique market differentiators and have all contributed to my reaching this decision. I look forward to being a part of and advancing Willis' expansion in Asia."

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