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Willis Group Focuses on Growth In Tennessee

New York, NY, August 2, 2005 – Willis Group Holdings (NYSE: WSH), the global insurance broker, in a continuing effort to grow its business in key North American markets, announced the opening of a new office located in Memphis, Tennessee.

Willis has built a strong presence in Tennessee, with an office in Knoxville and a large operation in Nashville where a number of professional practices are headquartered. Continuing to attract the best in their field, Willis has staffed its new Memphis office with six broking professionals.

Mark Schirmer, John Shorten, Pam Kail, Nuria Morgan-Joe, Darrison Wharton, and E. Duke Herenton, have joined Willis' Memphis operation.

Schirmer, a former Vice President of Business Development at Marsh, joins Willis as Vice President and Employee Benefits Practice Leader. Prior to serving as VP of Business Development, Schirmer was a Senior Consultant in the Benefits practice of the Memphis office of Marsh. With extensive background working in both sales and market development for CIGNA Healthcare in Memphis and Little Rock, Arkansas, Schirmer brings 20 years of insurance industry experience to Willis.

Shorten, formerly Property Insurance Practice Leader at Marsh, joins as Property and Casualty Team Leader. Originally from South Africa, he has worked as a site engineer for one of South Africa's largest construction companies, before becoming a broker in 1991. Shorten has spent his career working within the construction sector with a focus on OCIP programs for Public Private Partnerships, and general property, professional and general liability insurance. He relocated from South Africa to Tennessee in 2003.

Kail, formerly an Assistant Vice President and Benefits Consultant at Marsh, joins as Vice President/Senior Client Manager. With over 14 years of experience, she has designed and implemented employee benefit programs and provided consulting services in areas such as self-insured funding arrangements, contribution strategies, claims and provider network analysis, and employee communication program development.

Morgan-Joe, formerly a Benefits Analyst with Marsh, joins Willis as Client Manager. She brings over 20 years of industry experience with a solid background in managed healthcare and client service.

Wharton, formerly a Client Advisor with Marsh, joins as Assistant Vice President/Account Executive. With industry experience in the healthcare, life sciences and manufacturing sectors, Wharton is charged with assisting with the development of the Property and Casualty arm of the business.

Herenton, formerly Operations Manager with FedEx Express, joins as Vice President. He brings with him 18 years of management and sales experience in developing operational and sales support organizations.

"Tennessee is one of the most promising regions for growth, and I'm very excited about our expansion into Memphis", said Brian Morgan, CEO of Willis of Tennessee, Inc, "We have assembled a great group of industry professionals who, I have no doubt, will increase the company's market share with the Willis Client Advocacy model through transparency and continuing to deliver best-in-class client service."

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