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## Willis Announces Senior Appointment To Japan Practice

**New York, NY, August 25, 2005** – Willis Group Holdings (NYSE: WSH), the global insurance broker, continuing to strengthen its resources in the Asian market, today announces that Sean Cogan has joined its Japan Practice Group as Senior Vice President and Regional Manager. He is based in Dublin, Ohio.

Formerly Vice President and Relationship Manager at Aon, Sean Cogan has over 18 years of industry experience. While at Aon he worked in the company's Japan Group Americas. Previously, he spent 13 years at Great American Insurance Co.'s, which acted as the US underwriting manager for the Mitsui Marine and Fire Insurance Company. His responsibilities included location assignments to Mitsui Marine and Fire's New York and Tokyo offices as well as account management for key clientele which included Fortune 100 companies.

In his new position, Cogan is charged with developing and growing the Japan Practice Group, as well as assisting producers with organic growth tools, and establishing relationships with retail brokers while working to provide assistance on alternative market solutions. He holds a number of designations most notably Chartered Property Casualty Underwriter (CPCU) and Associate in Insurance Services (AIS).

The Japan Global Retail Practice Group delivers risk management services to Japanese clients around the world. Having marked a century of commitment to Japanese business and the Japanese market, Willis was one of the first international brokers to be licensed in Japan. The North America team is part of this global practice and is comprised of seasoned brokers that exemplify the Willis Client Advocate Model, in which clients work with one point of contact with access to Willis' worldwide network of resources delivering global services locally.

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