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Willis Canada Launches Executive Risks Practice

New York, NY, May 9, 2006 – Willis Group Holdings, Ltd. (NYSE: WSH), the global insurance broker, continuing to strengthen its presence in Canada, announced today the appointment of three insurance professionals to lead its Executive Risks Practice Group, which is part of its North American Executive Risks Practice. This group is led by Jonathan Ashall and Murn Meyrick, while Catherine Richmond is heading up the Western Canada Regional Practice.

Ashall, Senior Vice President and Canadian Practice Leader, provides counsel to clients in the strategic placement of management liability programs. He was formerly a Regional Executive Risk Practice Leader with Aon Reed Stenhouse in Toronto. Prior to Aon, Ashall was with American Home Assurance Company.

Meyrick, Vice President, Executive Risks will be responsible for regulatory client support including corporate governance, directors' liability, media liability and pension liability issues. She is also charged with business risk assessment and management consultative support, claims advocacy, as well as mergers & acquisition liability analysis. Meyrick's background includes over 20 years of legal experience as a Senior Claims Attorney with Chubb Insurance Company of Canada as well as Litigation Counsel for Zurich Canada and Dutton, Brock, LLP. She has made numerous presentations on Executive Risk topics at professional and business conferences.

Richmond, Senior Vice President, Western Canada Executive Risks Practice Leader joins from Marsh Canada, where she was leader of their Western Region Executive Risk Practice. She brings considerable technical expertise and market intelligence to serve Willis' clients and associates. She has worked with many boards of directors and has been a frequent speaker at industry conferences. Prior to joining Marsh in 1995, Richmond practiced law in Vancouver. She is a Director on the Advisory Board of the Risk and Insurance Program at the Haskayne School of Business, University of Calgary.

Welcoming Ashall, Meyrick, and Richmond to Willis, Wole Coaxum, President/CEO and National Partner for Willis' Canadian operation said, "Canada is one of Willis' greatest opportunities for growth, so I'm very excited about these individuals establishing Willis Canada as thought leaders for these important issues related to corporate governance. The team brings a proven track record of intelligent business risk assessment and liability assurance experience and will provide Willis' clients with risk analysis."

Willis' North American Executive Risks Practice, led by Todd Jones, designs and markets programs including Directors & Officers Liability, Errors and Omissions, Fiduciary Liability, Employment Practices Liability, Crime and Kidnap and Ransom. It monitors legislative and regulatory changes, evolving insurance contract issues, and legal trends and developments that could affect our clients. With the addition of the Canadian Executive Risks team, Willis will provide our clients with the expertise and tools needed to address these areas effectively in Canada.

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