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New Natural Resources Leader for Willis Canada Brings Extraordinary Industry Experience

New York, NY, August 10, 2006 – Willis Group Holdings (NYSE: WSH), the global insurance broker, continues to strengthen its presence in key geographic markets across North America with a senior appointment in its Canadian operations. Today, the Company announced that Cees van der Slikke has joined Willis, as Senior Vice President and Natural Resources Practice leader for Willis Canada. He is based in Calgary.

Previously Canadian Energy Practice Leader at Aon, where he served for eleven years, van der Slikke is an insurance professional who served as an advisor to several of the world's largest natural resource companies in the US, Canada and Europe. He has also served as Chairman of the European Natural Resources Practice Group and Managing Director of the Marine and Energy Division in Rotterdam for Aon. Prior to joining Aon, van der Slikke was risk manager for Unilever and Shell International for many years, where he developed special expertise handling large international programs with a particular focus on captive insurance and broking and insurance, as well as, significant construction projects.

“Willis has a strong operation in Canada with terrific growth prospects. With Cees’ focus on ensuring that our global capabilities are delivered to natural resource based companies in Canada, Willis will continue to provide client-focused, innovative products in a transparent way to the Canadian marketplace,” said Wole Coaxum, President and CEO of Willis Canada. “We welcome Cees and look forward to the contribution he is certain to make as our vibrant Canadian operation grows ever-stronger.”

“The Willis Model, building all operations around the client, is the only one of its kind among the global insurance brokers,” said van der Slikke. “From the Client Advocate approach and the decentralized marketing model engaging clients every step of the way, Willis is cutting a new path in the insurance brokerage industry, and I am excited about joining this energetic organization.”

As van der Slikke is held in extremely high regard in the Oil and Gas sector, he will work closely with Willis’ Global Energy practice, which includes Neil McIntyre, Executive Vice President, to deliver Willis’ world class global resources to solve Energy clients’ problems.

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