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Willis Group Names Don Bailey Chief Operating Officer of North America

New York, NY, April 11, 2006 – Willis Group Holdings (NYSE: WSH), the global insurance broker, announces today the appointment of **Don Bailey** as Chief Operating Officer of the company's North American business unit.

In this capacity, Bailey will work with Mario Vitale, CEO of Willis North America in managing the organization's day-to-day operational and sales activities while also developing and implementing the unit's long term strategy. Don will be charged with executing on the overall strategy in North America and building an organizational platform that will drive future performance.

Bailey joined Willis in March, 2003 to lead the company's North American Executive Risks Practice. Demonstrating leadership and a commitment to the Willis model, Don and his colleagues made significant strides in growing the practice in terms of size, capabilities and revenue. Proving himself as an innovative problem-solver – stepping up to work with clients through a challenging insurance market – Willis appointed Don CEO of Willis Risk Solutions North America, the company's large account practice, in March 2004.

"Since joining Willis, Don has demonstrated an outstanding dedication to the company, a keen understanding of the complex issues of insurance and risk management, and a desire to deliver the very best to clients," said **Mario Vitale**, CEO of Willis North America. "He has consistently delivered a valuable contribution to the company and we look forward to this continuing in Don's new role."

Bailey joined Willis from Allianz Insurance Company in Chicago where he served as Senior Vice President and Chief Underwriting Officer of the Specialty Risk Lines. Prior to his tenure with Allianz, Don served Aon and Marsh in various capacities. His insurance career started with Chubb & Son in 1987, when he joined the firm as an Underwriter in the Financial Institutions Department.

Bailey holds a BS in Economics from Allegheny College, and an MBA from Eastern College located in Philadelphia.

Tom Coughlin, who has been Chief Operating Officer of Willis Risk Solutions North America since 2000, will succeed Don as CEO of the practice.

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