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Willis Appoints Head of Healthcare Practice

New York, NY, May 30, 2006 – Willis Group Holdings, Ltd. (NYSE: WSH), the global insurance broker, announces the appointment of **Kevin Downs** as Leader of its North American Healthcare Practice. He is based in Chicago, Illinois. Reporting to Chief Operating Officer of Willis North America, **Don Bailey**, Downs is tasked with the strategic, financial and operational growth of the Healthcare Practice.

Previous to this appointment, Downs was Healthcare Leader for the Company's Midwest operations. With over 26 years of industry experience, Downs is generally recognized as an expert in the field of healthcare. He has cultivated important industry relationships while acquiring a solid level of expertise within a large compliment of industry sectors including national integrated healthcare systems, large urban medial centers, regional healthcare systems and community hospitals as well as physicians groups.

Prior to joining Willis, he spent 14 years with Marsh's National Health Care Group where he specialized in alternative risk financing consulting and brokerage service including the development and implementation of healthcare captive insurance companies.

Throughout his career, Downs has provided clients with services in strategic planning, risk financing program design, marketing and engagement of global insurance and reinsurance markets.

Commenting on this new appointment, Bailey said "We are lucky to have someone of Kevin's caliber and expertise. The Healthcare Practice is one of the largest within Willis North America, and offers terrific opportunities for future growth. Kevin is fully qualified and prepared to make a seamless transition from Midwest Leader to National Leader taking the Group to the next level."

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