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Willis Group: Tom Ealy to Lead Client Advocacy in North America; Michael Liss Joins as Illinois and Wisconsin Regional Partner

New York, NY, May 22, 2006 – Willis Group Holdings (NYSE: WSH), the global insurance broker, today announces that **Thomas V. Ealy** has been named Director of Client Advocacy for North America. In this new role, he is responsible for driving the execution of Willis' Client Advocate platform, the core of the company's business model. Among other initiatives, he will ensure that Willis' Client Advocates in the U.S. and Canada are fully trained and skillfully apply eight core competencies that result in superior client service.

For the past four years, Ealy was Managing Partner/CEO of the Chicago office and in mid-2005 he assumed Regional Partner responsibilities for both Chicago and Milwaukee. During his tenure, the Chicago office - the firm's second largest in North America - expanded its client base and substantially increased its core revenues by 30%. Ealy has also served the broker as Chair of the Group's North America Managing Partner Advisory Council.

Succeeding him as Regional Partner, based in Chicago, is **Michael Liss**, who joins Willis from Wachovia Insurance Services, where he was Atlanta Branch Manager. Liss brings over 20 years of insurance experience, ten of which were spent at Marsh, most recently as Managing Director and Regional Manager for Middle Market Placement. As Regional Partner, Liss will be responsible for driving the sales culture, building recruit and prospect pipelines and ensuring that the full strength of Willis' global resources are brought to bear for clients throughout this important region. He is based in Chicago, Illinois.

Commenting on these appointments, **Mario Vitale**, CEO of Willis North America, said, "Willis' Client Advocacy model is at the core of our business in delivering world-class services and global resources to our clients. Tom has built a strong reputation for understanding our clients' businesses and anticipating their needs. This new appointment brings to our Client Advocates throughout North America a terrific resource and leader. With Michael Liss, I am pleased to attract to Willis such a well-seasoned veteran who will clearly take Willis Chicago to the next level."

Ealy joins Willis' global Client Advocacy team of **Christopher London, Andrew Hicks, Stephen Maycock, Benno Reischel, Greg Arms, Don Bailey, Matthew Trim, Paul Merlino, Guy Bessis, Graham Mole**.

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