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Willis Names Eric Joost to Lead Middle Markets

New York, NY, March 28, 2006 – Willis Group Holdings (NYSE: WSH), the global insurance broker, announced today the appointment of Eric Joost as Middle Market Segment Leader. Joost will lead efforts to develop proprietary and unique skills that will benefit Willis clients in this key segment. He will be based in Chicago, Illinois.

He was most recently Senior Vice President, Business Management at Allianz Global Risks North America where he served as part of the executive management team, Board of Directors and Political Action Committee. As Senior Vice President, he led a reorganization which included a shift to the industry segmentation of underwriting services. This conversion served to increase customer growth while expanding the company's risk consulting and global services practices. In addition, he directed the on-time and successful implementation of corporate requirements necessary to comply with Sarbanes-Oxley. Joost was elected to participate in the Allianz Excellence Program – a cross-functional and multi-cultural group, selected to advise the Allianz AG Holding Board on opportunities and challenges facing Allianz in the global marketplace.

Prior to Allianz, Joost spent 16 years at Aon where he focused on specialized products for middle market firms, directing operations for Aon FSG. He also managed profit and loss responsibility for Aon Risk Services domestic retail brokerage operations, directed carrier relationship management, and directed the sales and client service teams.

"We are extremely pleased to have Eric join our leadership team as we build middle market capabilities that allow producers to be even more effective and clients more satisfied than ever," noted **Mario Vitale**, CEO of Willis North America. "Willis has world-class expertise in this critical market segment," Mario added, "and Eric will be a key to our future path as we expand upon best practices and bring such consistent initiatives to all our offices for our clients' benefit."

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