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Loyd Esler Appointed Willis North America Energy Practice Leader

New York, NY, November 27, 2006 – Willis Group Holdings, (NYSE:WSH), the global insurance broker, announced today that **Loyd Esler** has been appointed Energy Practice Leader in North America. Located in Houston, his primary focus will be to coordinate Willis' energy operations in Houston, Calgary and New York and to promote organic business development across the continent. He will report to **Phillip Ellis**, Willis Energy Chairman.

For the last two years, Esler has been Managing Partner for Willis' Houston operation. In this role, Esler ran energy and non-energy operations, where he significantly increased revenue growth, while advancing client advocacy and enhancing recruitment efforts.

The greater part of Esler's 18-year insurance career has been focused on structuring and placing casualty insurance solutions for Fortune 1000 companies. Prior to joining Willis in 2004, he spent five years at Marsh in various roles, including Regional Practice Leader for the Private Equity/Mergers & Acquisitions division. His underwriting experience, eight years with Liberty Mutual, adds to the perspective he brings that will serve the best interests of Willis' clients.

Welcoming the appointment, **Phillip Ellis**, Willis Energy Chairman, said: "As head of our newly-formed North American practice, Loyd will play an integral part in shaping our new global energy platform. We are delighted that Willis Energy now has the direct benefit of his extensive broking, underwriting, financial and risk management expertise as well as his great leadership skills. Willis' worldwide energy business looks forward to working with Loyd and his team to ensure that our North American energy clients are supplied with modern, effective risk transfer products and services."

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