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Willis Appoints Kirk Metcalf to Lead Boston Office

New York, October 27, 2006 – Willis Group Holdings, Ltd. (NYSE: WSH), the global insurance broker, today announced the appointment of **Kirk Metcalf** as Managing Partner of its Boston operations. In this capacity, Metcalf is charged with driving organic growth through sales initiatives and strong recruiting as well as enhancing client service.

Kirk brings over 30 years of insurance experience in both the global insurance brokerage and insurance carrier fields. Prior to this appointment in Boston, Kirk was responsible for Willis' Washington, D.C. and Maryland operations. He spent the first 20 years of his career with Travelers in Hartford and in Willis' New York office.

Commenting on Metcalf's appointment, **Don Bailey, Chief Executive Officer of Willis North America** said, "One of the pillars of Willis is our unique Client Advocate model whereby every client can access all our global skills through a single contact, the Willis Client Advocate. Kirk has consistently demonstrated a thorough understanding of these principles while building a highly successful office in the Maryland/DC market."

On his move Kirk commented, "I have spent the last 27 years of my career with Willis, and throughout the rapidly changing environment Willis has steadfastly held to its core values of client advocacy, hard work, and the highest ethical standards. I can't imagine a better place to work, and I am delighted to have the opportunity to live and work in the Boston area."

Kirk graduated with a double major in finance and insurance from the University of Connecticut in 1975.

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