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Willis Appoints Peter Austen to Run Greater Philadelphia Operations

New York, NY, October 17, 2006 – Willis Group Holdings, Ltd. (NYSE: WSH), the global insurance broker, today announced the promotion of **Peter Austen** to Regional Partner of its Greater Philadelphia operations, consisting of offices in Philadelphia, Radnor, Bethlehem, PA and Wilmington, DE.

Austen joined Willis in 2000, most recently serving as Senior Vice President. Prior to Willis, he worked at Marsh, as a Client Executive within its Marine and Energy practice. Before Marsh, Austen was Director of Risk Management for a large, US energy services company.

In his new capacity, Austen is tasked with increasing market share and revenue using organic growth tools and attracting additional talent. “We have a tremendous opportunity for growth in the Greater Philadelphia marketplace,” said Austen, “Willis is going to reshape the insurance brokerage industry while focusing on client acquisition and growth. The clients in this marketplace are sophisticated and recognize the value, service and efficiencies that Willis can provide their business.”

“Peter’s client experience and relationships will serve him well as he continues to foster a culture of growth and client partnerships within the Greater Philadelphia marketplace,” said **Don Bailey, Chief Executive Officer of Willis North America.**

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