

# News Release

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## **The Accelerated Growth of Aggregation Risk and What You Can Do About It**

**Willis Webcast / Conference Call on March 30, 2006**

**New York, NY, March 21, 2006** – As a component of our Client Advocate Model, and a reflection of our commitment to provide thought leadership for our clients, **Sandy Vietor**, Vice Chairman, Willis Risk Solutions, will host a webcast / conference call on Thursday, March 30, 2006 at 11:00 a.m. Eastern Time to examine Aggregation Risk, the threat it poses to the balance sheet, the future performance of the commercial insurance marketplace, and strategies that companies can undertake today to address volatility and shape the future.

The Atlantic Hurricane Seasons of 2004 and 2005, multi-billion dollar pharmaceutical industry class action suits, and the events of 9/11 all serve as examples of claims and losses sustained by those subject to such risk in its many manifestations. With Aggregation Risk continuing to exhibit rapid and sometimes exponential growth, the ability and desire of the commercial insurance marketplace to provide risk transfer capacity has waned, and the divergence between the two will only widen going forward.

The webcast will cite examples of Aggregation Risk and benchmarks of marketplace capacity as the foundation for asking and answering defining questions for financial and strategic planning:

- Who is exposed to Aggregation Risk, and how can it be measured?
- How, if at all, can volatility be tamed?
- To what extent does Aggregation Risk encourage or impel merger activity?
- Can we – and should we – depend on government to serve as ‘the insurer of last resort’?
- Going forward, what are the legislative options and imperatives?
- Going forward, what are the funding options?

Interested parties may access the webcast and accompanying PowerPoint presentation via [www.willis.com/Extras/webcasts.aspx](http://www.willis.com/Extras/webcasts.aspx). Those who may wish to ask questions during the Q&A session that follows may listen to the webcast by calling (888) 889-1954 (domestic) and +1 (210) 234-0003 (international) with a passcode of WILLIS. The leader’s name is Sandy Vietor. Participants are asked to log in or call in 10 minutes prior to the webcast in order to register for the event.

A replay of the webcast will be available through July 31, 2006 at 11:00 PM Eastern Time, by accessing the web site or by calling (888) 562-2780 (domestic) or +1 (203) 369-3745 (international) with no passcode.

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