

# News Release

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## Willis Group Forms Global Energy Business

**New York, NY, August 10, 2006** – Willis Group has become the first insurance broker to form a world-wide, multi-disciplinary business serving the oil and gas industry on a global basis. Drawing on teams in principal hubs in Houston, Calgary, New York and London, and working closely with the company's global retail network, Willis Energy delivers a deep understanding of its clients' technical and operational needs coupled with leading insurance broking expertise.

"We have listened carefully to our energy sector clients and will now serve each of them with integrated teams of brokers, client service, engineering, construction and claims professionals working under a Client Advocate dedicated to solving their problems," says Joe Plumeri, Willis Chairman and CEO. "We believe this business is an important growth opportunity for us that builds on our already strong position."

"We work with our clients to understand, price and transfer their risks, and with this new approach we're going beyond the traditional brokerage model to do so," says Phillip Ellis, Willis Energy Chairman. "If a client is building an LNG facility, they want our best LNG team - onshore and offshore - and not simply whoever is close by or whoever made the last client call," says Ellis. "And they want a client team that they know and trust will anticipate their needs and respond to them quickly. We have no internal barriers to making sure this happens, and that's a competitive advantage for our clients and for us."

Willis Energy is the main broker of some of the world's largest oil groups and many of the world's largest and most complex energy projects.

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