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Willis Launches Multinational Benefits Unit

New York, NY, September 25, 2006 – For multinational companies, employee benefits not only represent one of their most significant investments, but also a major opportunity to establish a competitive advantage. To capitalize on this opportunity, employers need creative, hands-on support and objective, professional advice. In order to provide these services to their multinational clients, Willis Group Holdings (NYSE: WSH), the global insurance broker, has launched the Multinational Benefits unit, a specialized subdivision within Willis' Global Employee Benefits Practice. The new unit will operate out of three multinational benefits centers of expertise in New York, Copenhagen and in Paris via Willis' partner Gras Savoye.

Heading up the new unit as **Multinational Benefits Global Practice Leader** is **Chris Burns** who will be based in New York. Burns joins Willis from Mercer, where for the past seven years he was a Principal responsible for new business development in the Northeast region of the US. Prior to that, he was Multinational Pooling Practice Leader at Towers Perrin and has also worked for two major insurance carriers in Athens, Brazil and London. In his new role, Burns is charged with providing strategic direction and hands-on leadership to develop new business with leading companies worldwide.

In line with Willis' unique Client Advocacy Model, the Multinational Benefits unit has been set up to act as a single point of contact for local employee benefits Associates and Willis clients with international operations. Burns' team will have the support of Willis' 1,500 dedicated employee benefits staff worldwide, providing on-the-ground access to the Group's global resources at each of their locations.

Greg Arms, Chairman of the Willis Global Benefits Practice, said, "The Multinational Benefits unit is staffed by employee benefits experts with considerable international experience at the local field level, which is critical to delivering effective solutions that work. These professionals will help broaden and deepen the Practice's overall platform and will strengthen our service offering to our clients."

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