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## **Willis Appoints Alan Thomas as Regional Partner of Minnesota Operations**

**New York, NY, August 21, 2007** – Willis Group Holdings (NYSE: WSH), the global insurance broker, today announced the appointment of Alan Thomas as Regional Partner, and President and Chief Executive of the Minnesota office, effective immediately.

Thomas brings 15 years of industry experience with him to the position, working on both the broker and carrier sides. In his new role, Thomas will be responsible for leading the retail operation in revenue growth, recruiting and increasing overall market share.

Commenting on the appointment, **Vic Krauze**, National Partner and Executive Vice President of Willis' Central Region operations said, "We are excited to have Al with us. He brings exceptional skills and experience to this position, and we are confident he is the person to lead this office to continued growth and success."

Thomas joins Willis from Wells Fargo Insurance Services where he served as a Regional Business Development Officer. Prior to his tenure at Wells Fargo, he served St. Paul and Kemper Insurance Companies in various underwriting director roles. His insurance career started with Sentry Insurance in 1992, when he joined the firm as a commercial underwriter.

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