

# News Release

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## Richard T. Hynes Named President and CEO of Willis Canada

**New York, NY, February 19, 2007** – Willis Group Holdings, (NYSE:WSH), the global insurance broker, announced today that Richard T. Hynes has been named President and CEO of Willis Canada succeeding Wole Coaxum. The change is effective March 1.

“Since joining the company in 2005, Rick Hynes has done an outstanding job as Managing Partner of our Toronto office, which positions him well for his transition to President and CEO,” said **Don Bailey**, CEO of Willis North America. “Rick has the leadership qualities and determination to take Canada into the next chapter and we are pleased to have him on our team.”

Hynes, a native Canadian, has over 25 years of management and industry experience in the Canadian Market. Market growth and business development continue to be his key areas of focus within Willis. As a senior insurance and risk management executive, he has a proven track record of success in understanding and managing client needs, as well as key business development opportunities. His significant experience in relationship building within the risk management community has resulted in a high level of client retention as well as business opportunities.

“I want to thank Wole Coaxum, for his tremendous contribution to Willis,” said **Joe Plumeri**, Chairman and CEO of Willis, “Wole has successfully overseen Willis Canada in addition to serving us well in several senior roles with Willis North America Retail and throughout the Company. We wish him all the best for the future.”

Wole Coaxum joined Willis in 2002. Coaxum has a keen understanding of the complex issues of insurance and risk management and a desire to deliver the very best to clients. Coaxum has over 18 years of experience in various leadership positions in the insurance and financial services industries.

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