

News Release

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“All Roads Lead to the Boardroom”

Marketplace Realities 2007 – Special Report on Executive Risks

New York, NY, August 27, 2007 – Directors & Officers Liability “mega claims” – those with cash settlements of \$100 million or greater – reached an all-time high of 14 in 2006, exceeding the 2005 number by almost a third. In the first six months of this year, there were 10 D&O settlements announced where the cash payout exceeded the \$100 million mark; the total settlement dollars for these 10 exceeded \$6.5 billion.

In today's world, virtually everything that a company does or possesses has the potential to cause or become caught up in events that result in grievous damage to reputation, loss of market share, and/or impairment of earnings and net worth. From the mundane to the exotic, risks across the organization have exhibited remarkable capacity for volatility and severity in the context of ever-increasing globality, interdependency and application of advanced systems technologies.

The August 2007 edition of Willis *Marketplace Realities and Risk Management Solutions* is devoted to **Executive Risks** – the management liability suite of coverage instruments that includes:

- **Directors & Officers Liability**
- **Fiduciary Liability**
- **Employment Practices Liability**
- **E&O / Cyber Risks**
- **Fidelity**

This special report, available on the Publications page of the Willis web site www.willis.com, focuses on risk management solutions. Willis specialists examine current and expected marketplace conditions, recent court cases, legislative and regulatory developments, policy terms and conditions, and risk transfer strategies – all with an eye toward the many vectors of risk, their potential to generate boardroom-level events, and the tools clients need to manage them.

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