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Willis Targets Montreal for Growth

New York, NY, January 18, 2007 – Willis Group Holdings (NYSE: WSH), the global insurance broker, continues to strengthen its presence in Montreal with the appointments of Luc Brunet and Jacques Simard to the position of Senior Vice President and Account Executive in its Montreal Operations. Brunet and Simard will bolster Montreal's client development and client service capabilities. In addition, Mario Campeau, Account Executive, Construction Division and Special Programs, and Suzanne Brisebois, Vice President Executive Risk Practice, recently joined the team, offering specialty insurance expertise in their respective disciplines.

"Luc brings exceptional sales skills and complex account knowledge to our Montreal operation. He will help Willis develop even more innovative offerings to prospects and clients that will reflect their global needs," said **Gilles Duclos**, Executive Vice President and Chairman of Willis in Quebec. Added Duclos, "Jacques' extensive business development, product knowledge and underwriting expertise will help increase the breadth of our team."

Bernard Deschamps, Executive Vice President and Managing Partner of Willis' operations in Montreal, commented that, "Mario's extensive commercial, construction and professional liability experience strengthens Willis' capacity to provide additional services to existing and new clients", and welcoming Brisebois he said, "Joining an already robust Executive Team in Canada, Suzanne's executive risk expertise opens up our capacity to focus on the board of directors' needs of corporate clients and expands the team's capacity to serve professional insurance needs that are continually growing in the marketplace."

Brunet joins Willis from Essor Assurances Placements Conseil Inc., where he was responsible for sales turnaround, insurance and risk management knowledge development. Prior to Essor, Brunet spent nine years with Aon Reed Stenhouse as Vice President of their Risk Management and International units, handling insurance portfolios for major national and international clients.

Simard comes to Willis after six years with Marsh Canada, most recently as a Senior Vice President, Brokers Services, marketing E&O, D&O, CGL lines and responsible for Surety. Prior to Marsh, Simard spent 14 years with AXA Assurances Inc., focused on specialty lines business development and Underwriting.

Campeau brings to Willis more than 20 years of experience in the insurance industry, most recently as Vice President of XPRO Cabinet de Services Financiers and previously with Allianz Canada Insurance Company as their Regional Director, responsible for commercial and personal lines, with a premium volume of \$60 million.

Brisbois joined Willis in Montreal to provide advisory and insurance placement services to Risk Management, Commercial and Financial Institution clients on their Directors and Officers and Professional Liability areas of exposure. Before joining Willis, she was an Account Manager with Aon Reed Stenhouse and, prior to that, Brisbois was the Department of Financial Institutions Manager at Chubb Insurance Company of Canada.

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