

# News Release

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## Willis Re Opens New Branch in Seattle, Headed up by Doug May

**New York, March 19, 2007** – Willis Re, the reinsurance arm of global insurance broker Willis Group Holdings (NYSE:WSH), today announced the opening of its new branch in Seattle. This represents Willis Re's continuing effort to drive organic growth and further build its network.

The Seattle office will be managed by **Doug May**, who has been appointed as Executive Vice President. Prior to joining Willis, May served as a Managing Director at Guy Carpenter in Seattle. Drawing on his experience and particularly his considerable property expertise, May will be a key contributor on Willis Re's team.

"The opening of our Seattle office will ensure we are well positioned to expand our presence in the Northwest, and the West Coast generally. I am delighted that Doug has joined us and look forward to working with him as we build our operation and drive forward growth in the region," commented **Paddy Jago, CEO, Willis Re Inc.**

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