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## Willis Asia Pacific Aviation Insurance Conference 2007

**London, UK, March 13, 2007** – Airline safety will be the focus of Willis Group Holdings (NYSE: WSH) annual Asia Pacific Aviation Insurance Conference 2007. Willis Aerospace, the pre-eminent airline insurance broker within the Asian region, today announced the key speakers for the conference which will take place in Hanoi, Vietnam between 14 and 16 March 2007.

The key themes that will be addressed include the continued efforts by airlines to minimize risk and enhance their safety as well as the changing dynamics of insurance markets and the challenges faced by risk carriers. Expert speakers will also discuss the difficulties facing airlines in handling claims with particular emphasis on legal liability and compensation levels in the Asian region. Another crucial area that will be explored is the importance of Directors and Officers insurance for airlines.

The conference, which is now in its fifth year, was first organized by Willis Aerospace in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in 2003 as a result of the impact to the global aviation industry - as well as their insurers (and reinsurers) - following the September 11 tragedy. Since then, Willis Aerospace have co-hosted this unique annual conference with the respective national flag carriers of Thailand, the Philippines and Indonesia.

“Vietnam was chosen as the location for the 2007 conference as it has one of the fastest growing economies in the region,” said **André Clerc, Chairman of Willis Aerospace**. This has also been reflected in the rise of its national carrier, Vietnam Airlines, whose reputation and ever increasing size places them firmly within the long-established group of large flag carriers of the region. Mr Clerc continued, “Vietnam Airlines’ commitment to promoting greater safety in airline travel resulted in their desire to co-host the Willis Asia Pacific Aviation Insurance Conference this year.”

Commenting on the motivation behind the conference, Mr. Clerc said, “Due to the dominant market position of Willis Aerospace within the Asian region, we took the initiative to hold this conference in response to the need for all parties involved in airline insurance to create an open forum to discuss airline safety. It offers a great opportunity for everyone to come together to discuss the challenges we face as a result of the new global environment in which our respective industries operate.”

Due to the growing success of the conference, over 150 representatives from both the regional and worldwide aviation industry are expected to attend this year’s

conference. Delegates will include members from the global underwriting community, airline lessors, lawyers, adjusters and safety consultants.

Reflecting the increasing profile of the conference in the region, this year's distinguished speakers include 21 leaders from industry associations, premium airlines, low cost airlines, airline lessors, aviation analysts, insurance carriers, legal representatives, loss adjusters and the Willis Group. The key speakers representing their industries are as follows:

- Mr. Andrew Herdman, Director General, Association of Asia Pacific Airlines (AAPA)
- Dr. Pham Ngoc Minh, Executive Vice President, Vietnam Airlines
- Mr. Andrew Drysdale, Vice President, International Air Transport Association (IATA)
- Mr. Martin Barrow, Director, Malaysia Airlines
- Mr. Bruce Ashby, President and CEO, IndiGo Airlines
- Mr. Ken Chad, COO, Oasis Hong Kong Airlines
- Mr. Robert Martin, CEO, Singapore Aircraft Leasing Enterprise
- Mr. Peter Negline, Head of Regional Transportation, JP Morgan Securities, Asia Pacific
- Mr. Florian Karner, Head of Global Aviation, Allianz
- Mr. Nguyen-Tu Dzung, Head Aviation Underwriter, AXA Corporate Solutions
- Mr. Brian Wheeler, Underwriter, Global Aerospace
- Mr. David Johnston, Managing Partner, Barlow Lyde and Gilbert
- Mr. Neil McGilchrist, Of Counsel, Barlow Lyde and Gilbert
- Mr. David Clark, Senior Manager, Clyde & Co Beaumont & Son Aviation
- Mr. Robert McParlin, Deputy Chairman, CTC Services Aviation
- Mr. Hans Sandstrom, Head of Underwriting, Aviation, Asia Capital Re
- Mr. John Buckley, General Manager, QBE Aviation
- Mr. André Clerc, Chairman, Willis Aerospace
- Mr. Christopher Clark, Deputy Chairman, Willis Aerospace
- Mr. Mark Hue-Williams, Regional Director and Airline Practice Leader, Willis Aerospace

- Ms. Aruno Rajaratnam, Managing Director of FINEX Asia, Willis Singapore

Willis, as the leading airline insurance broker in Asia, remains committed to playing an integral part in the enhancement of airline safety for the benefit of all parties involved within this highly volatile and capital intensive industry.

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