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Willis Group Sharpens Focus on the Small Business Market

New York, NY, April 2, 2007 – Willis Group Holdings Limited (NYSE:WSH), the global insurance broker, announced today that it is accelerating its effort to grow its business among small companies around the world. As a component of Shaping Our Future, a series of strategic initiatives aimed at continuing the Company's growth, Willis is targeting this segment by partnering with carriers to develop insurance solutions which are highly tailored to small enterprises. Growth will be achieved by developing innovative solutions (including facilities, programs and binders) and expanding the broker's already strong Managing General Agent (MGA) business. This effort will also include using the Internet and other technology platforms to streamline processes.

To manage and drive this important program, Willis has named **Tom Bartleet** as Chief Executive Officer of the Global Small Commercial Business. In this newly created role, Bartleet's charge is to harness and deliver the resources of Willis for the benefit of small businesses in a way that yields enhanced solutions for clients and is financially beneficial for both clients and Willis. While Willis currently serves this category, it is a market largely untapped by the global insurance brokers and Willis aims to be the leading broker in the segment.

"The small commercial market holds a great deal of potential for Willis," said **Grahame Millwater**, Willis' Chief Operating Officer. "We've got the flexibility and the intelligence to deliver solutions that are appropriate to this business segment – this is a direct reflection of our Client Advocate model – gearing our offerings to meet our clients needs. Tom's proven track record to significantly bolster business in key areas makes him an outstanding candidate to support this bold, exciting task."

Since March, 2004, Bartleet has been serving Willis as Chief Executive of Global Markets North America directing the company's North American marketing strategy, carrier relationships and London and Bermuda operations.

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