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**Willis – Changing the London Skyline...
And the Future of Insurance Broking
--Global Broker Relocates to Award-winning Willis Building –
the 4th Tallest Skyscraper in the City of London--**

London, UK, May 13, 2008 – Positioning itself as a force to be reckoned with in the insurance industry, Willis Group Holdings (NYSE: WSH), the only global insurance broker with a UK headquarters, today revealed its spectacular new 28-storey skyscraper. The Willis Building at 51 Lime Street is situated directly opposite Lloyd's in the heart of the financial mile. Designed by world-renowned architects Foster + Partners, The Willis Building won the 2007 New City Architecture Award for its unique architectural form and contribution to the streetscape and skyline of the City of London.

Over 2,000 Willis Associates from four offices across London have united under one roof in the state-of-the-art "greenscraper" which is a testament to energy-efficient, sustainable architecture.

"The Willis Building is a monument to our past, current and future success," said **Joe Plumeri, Chairman and CEO of Willis Group Holdings**. "It represents our commitment to stand tall as the change agent in the global insurance industry, challenging the status quo and modernizing the way we all do business while finding new and innovative solutions for our clients."

"The Willis Building is a first class space for our Associates and we are proud to welcome clients to our new home. It also demonstrates our long-term commitment to London as one of the world's leading financial centers," said Mr. Plumeri.

Standing 410 ft high, The Willis Building features an elegant stepped design and modern glass exterior. The striking new addition to the London skyline is the fourth tallest building in the City and is adjoined by a nine-storey building on Fenchurch Avenue which has been leased to other corporations.

Owned by British Land and developed by them in conjunction with Stanhope, The Willis Building received an "excellent" BREEAM (Building Research Establishment Environmental Assessment Method) sustainability rating which measures the environmental impact of buildings. This is the highest possible score that can currently be achieved and is given to less than one in five newly completed buildings.

Paul Burgess, Head of London Leasing at British Land, said: "The Willis Building is a great new landmark for the City. It's a superb new UK headquarters for Willis with tremendous presence right opposite Lloyd's and meets the highest standards for sustainability. The new building has opened up the whole area and enlivened it with shops and cafés. It really is the heart of the insurance sector. It embodies perfectly

our approach of working in partnership with our occupier customers to create buildings that both support and enhance their business."

Exciting features of The Willis Building include:

- Open architecture on all the floors and a "no office door" policy encourages teamwork and affords an expansive and light working environment that gives outside views to everyone.
- Two scenic terraces on the 16th and 23rd floors feature unparalleled views across London.
- The Client Advocate restaurant on the 23rd floor is used for private client dining and entertaining and reflects Willis' philosophy of being a true advocate for its clients' best interests. The Associates' restaurant - the One Flag Café - on the 15th floor is named after the global teamwork culture that Willis is famous for.
- A Wellness Center featuring a full-service gym and medical facilities.
- A 375 seat state-of-the-art auditorium.
- Cutting-edge technology including wireless zones, plasma screens, video conferencing rooms and IP telephony throughout.
- A tree-lined public plaza around the base of the building with bustling cafés and restaurants.

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Notes to Editor: [Click here](#) for more information on The Willis Building. For photos of the building, please contact Ingrid Bosch (+44 (0)20 3124 7182).