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Willis Appoints Chris Burns CEO of Global Employee Benefits Practice

New York, NY, November 6, 2008 – Willis Group Holdings (NYSE: WSH), the global insurance broker, today announced the appointment of **Christopher R. Burns** as Chief Executive Officer of its Global Employee Benefits Practice. Burns, based in New York, is tasked with the strategic growth and operational oversight of the practice, reporting to **Allan Gribben**, Global Sales & Marketing Director. Willis' Global Employee Benefits Practice spans more than 70 countries and includes a team of over 2,200 Willis Associates.

Burns previously was Senior Vice President of Multinational Employee Benefits at Willis, charged with providing strategic direction and hands-on leadership of the Global Multinational team to develop new business with leading companies worldwide. Prior to joining Willis in 2006, Burns was a Principal at Mercer. In addition, he spent more than 12 years in several senior international employee benefit positions with AIG and Cigna, including appointments in Greece, Brazil and London. Currently, Burns also serves on the Board of Directors of the National Foreign Trade Council.

Allan Gribben commented, "Our global employee benefits business has grown tremendously in recent years and our position is further enhanced by our combination with HRH. Chris' depth and breadth of U.S. and international employee benefits experience will help continue to drive our growth in this important area of our business."

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