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Willis Group Announces Expansion of Life Sciences Practice Mary Beth Borgwing Appointed Senior Vice President

New York, NY, October 18, 2006 – Willis Group Holdings (NYSE: WSH), the global insurance broker, continuing to strengthen its specialty practices, announced today the appointment of **Mary Beth Borgwing** as Senior Vice President of Willis' New York operations in its Life Sciences Practice. She is based in New York City.

A senior financial and risk management professional, Borgwing brings with her over 20 years experience in financial operations and strategy.

Formerly Northeast Life Science Practice Leader for Marsh, she was responsible for the delivery of professional and risk management services to technology, biotechnology, and medical device, diagnostic and pharmaceutical companies. She served on the Life Sciences Task Force for Marsh and co-chaired the Intellectual Property committee.

Borgwing has been involved with raising funds in private equity markets for several medical and technology companies. She was previously Chief Financial Officer for Sentillion, a clinical healthcare spin-off from Hewlett Packard.

Some of her areas of expertise include: strategic planning and risk consulting to companies with complex risk management programs, corporate governance risk review issues, intellectual property infringement protection, IPO preparation and M&A analysis.

Borgwing has developed strategic client relationships with Fortune 1000 companies as well as companies with emerging growth strategies to become strong Middle Market firms. The Life Sciences team that she heads up at Willis is dedicated to a strong service model that her clients have grown to rely upon.

A graduate of the Accounting and Computer Science (BSBA) at Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts and she received her MBA in Finance Management from Simmons Graduate School of Management. Borgwing's many professional affiliations include: Board Member of the Financial Executive Institute, Chair of the Financial Executive Institutes Academic Relations Committee, Board Member of Forsyth Institute for Biomedical Research, Founder of Life Sciences Executive Women's Roundtable Series, Board Member of Big Sister Association of Greater Boston, Committee for the United Way Campaign, Member of the Boston Club for Executive Women and MIT Enterprise Forum 10/250 Committee.

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