

# News Release

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## Willis Appoints Strategic Leader for Global Business Hub in Ipswich

**London, UK, October 26, 2007** – In a move that illustrates Willis' commitment to its Ipswich operations and further strengthens the office's role as a significant global support centre and retail operation, international insurance broker Willis Group Holdings (NYSE:WSH) has appointed Ian Gale as the strategic leader for all Ipswich business.

Ipswich has been one of Willis' core business centres for more than 30 years and delivers a full spectrum of Group activities. Willis employs more than 1,200 Associates in Ipswich, making it one of the largest employers in the community.

Ian Gale has been with Willis for more than 30 years, largely with Willis Re where he was Chief Operating Officer for the UK. Since the beginning of this year he has headed up several key Group projects as part of Willis' Shaping Our Future programme – a series of strategic initiatives designed to continually improve Willis' financial leadership. He also has executive responsibility for the Group's Mumbai office, a mirror operation to Ipswich.

Commenting on Ian Gale's appointment, **Grahame Millwater, Chief Operating Officer**, said, "Ipswich is an important hub of global Group activity where we anticipate moving even more work. Ian's strong leadership and executive oversight for both our Ipswich and Mumbai operations will foster even greater collaboration between the two locations. This will further enhance our service capabilities which are so crucial in driving Willis' next phase of growth."

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