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Are You Prepared For a Kidnap or Extortion Attempt Against Your Company? --Willis' Special Contingency Risks Division to Host Kidnap Prevention Conferences in Asia--

London, UK, September 28, 2007 – As global business continues to expand and explore new market opportunities, employees travelling or residing abroad are increasingly exposed to high-risk territories and hostile situations. Caught between the pressure generated by the current security environment and the increased focus on corporate responsibility, corporations must pay closer attention to the personal safety of their staff than ever before. To assist Asian clients with their security and contingency planning, Special Contingency Risks (SCR), a subsidiary of Willis Group Holdings Limited (NYSE: WHS), is hosting a conference on the Prevention and Management of Kidnap and Extortion Risks in Emerging Markets.

The event will take place in Singapore on October 2 and Kuala Lumpur on October 4. Representatives from the aviation, oil, energy, construction, banking, telecommunications, utilities, mining and manufacturing industries will be in attendance.

Keynote speaker, **Suzanne Williams QPM**, a former Detective Superintendent with the Metropolitan Police in London, will be talking on Lessons from the Field: Incident Prevention and Response. Suzanne served as a police officer for 31 years; her most recent role was heading up the Hostage Crisis Unit at new Scotland Yard. She was also attached to the Royal Protection Group working from Buckingham Palace.

Qualified as a National Police Hostage Negotiator, Suzanne has contributed to various working groups around the legislation and prevention of piracy and on the preparation and execution of counter terrorist exercises involving kidnap and ransom negotiation. Suzanne was awarded the Queen's Police Medal in recognition of her commitment in the field of kidnap and negotiation.

Paul Mills, a prevention consultant for Special Contingency Risks, will also be delivering a presentation on Corporate Prevention Strategies; while **William Miller**, an Account Executive for Special Contingency Risks, will be speaking on Willis' kidnap services in the region.

James Quirk, Practice Leader of Trade Credit and Political Risks for Willis in Asia commented, "With the changing global security environment, it is no longer only

the traditional hot spots like Colombia and Iraq that are high-risk areas. Multinational companies are expanding into countries like Nigeria where there is increasing kidnap and extortion activity. It is therefore essential that our clients around the world are able to assess the risks to their business and staff while demonstrating that they can respond effectively to a crisis. Kidnap, extortion and political detention threats can severely impact employee well being, corporate liability and business continuity. Having the right advisors will not only have a material impact on the outcome of incidents, but also any subsequent liability.”

Special Contingency Risks are the global market leaders with a 40% market share. SCR assists corporations, high net worth individuals and families in the prevention, insurance and management of kidnap and other types of extortion.

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