

Willis Strengthens Alabama Operations

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Insurance Broker Appoints Ben Norris Managing Partner

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Aug. 03, 2015 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Willis North America, a unit of Willis Group Holdings plc (NYSE:WSH), the global risk advisory, re/insurance broking, and human capital and benefits firm, today announced the appointment of Ben Norris as Managing Partner, Willis of Alabama, effective immediately. In this role, he will be responsible for Willis's operations across its offices in Birmingham, Huntsville, and Montgomery, AL, and Rogers, AR.

Based in Birmingham, Mr. Norris will be responsible for business development and expanding Willis's footprint in the marketplace, while overseeing a team of 85 risk and insurance professionals serving local and national clients. In addition, he will work to align resources from across Willis's global platform to deliver the best risk management solutions and services to clients. Mr. Norris will report to Hiram Marrero, National Partner – South Region, Willis North America.

Commenting on this appointment, Mr. Marrero said, "We are excited to welcome Ben into this role and further strengthen our leadership team in the South. Ben has an excellent track record of success in driving top line business development growth and client satisfaction. Under Ben's leadership, I am confident that we will continue to grow our Birmingham operations and further elevate Willis's presence across the region."

Mr. Norris joined Willis in 2007 and most recently served as Senior Vice President, Willis of Alabama, providing risk management solutions to large national and multinational organizations across the region. Prior to Willis, he served as a Captain in the United States Military.

About Willis

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