SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (date of earliest event reported): April 8, 2004

WILLIS GROUP HOLDINGS LIMITED (Exact name of Registrant as specified in Charter)

BERMUDA (Jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) 001-16503 (Commission File Number) 98-0352587 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

Ten Trinity Square London EC3P 3AX, England (Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: +44 20 7488 8111

Not Applicable (Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

Item 7. Financial Statements & Exhibits

- (c) The following document is filed as an exhibit to this report on Form 8-K:
- 99.1 Press Release dated April 8, 2004, of Willis Group Holdings Limited

Item 9. Regulation FD Disclosure

The following information is furnished pursuant to Item 9, "Regulation FD Disclosure." The information in this 8-K and the Exhibit attached hereto shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Act of 1934, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

On April 8, 2004, Willis Group Holdings Limited issued a press release announcing the purchase of a 50% equity stake in Shanghai Pudong Insurance Brokers Ltd. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on their behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

WILLIS GROUP HOLDINGS LIMITED

By: /s/ Mary E. Caiazzo

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Mary E. Caiazzo Assistant General Counsel

Dated: April 9, 2004

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Exhibit Number Title

Press Release dated April 8, 2004, of Willis Group Holdings Limited 99.1

Willis to Purchase 50% Stake in China's Leading Insurance Broker

NEW YORK--(BUSINESS WIRE)--April 8, 2004--Willis Group Holdings (NYSE: WSH), the global insurance broker, today announces that it has received approval from the China Insurance Regulatory Commission to complete the purchase of a 50% equity stake in Shanghai Pudong Insurance Brokers Ltd.

Shanghai Pudong Insurance Brokers Ltd is a leading Chinese insurance broker licensed to transact both insurance and reinsurance, life and non-life, for domestic and foreign clients throughout the People's Republic of China (PRC). It currently has 10 branch offices and 13 sales offices throughout the country and employs 150 people.

Upon completion of the equity purchase both parties intend to change the name to Willis Pudong Insurance Brokers Ltd, headquartered in Shanghai, PRC.

Welcoming the approval, Joe Plumeri, Chairman and CEO of Willis, said, "This is a significant step in Willis' global expansion. We know the Chinese market very well, having been closely involved with Chinese insurers and the placement of Chinese reinsurance business for over 50 years. Many of our clients have significant operations in China and I am delighted that we will be able to support their presence with a level of service and expertise consistent with the standards we adopt worldwide.

"We are especially pleased to be partnering with Shanghai Pudong Insurance Brokers. They have shown themselves to be leaders in the Chinese insurance broking industry, expertly serving the risk transfer and risk management needs of many Chinese enterprises. Moreover, their office network ensures they are able to provide a full service throughout the country.

"This partnership, which combines Willis' global resources with local knowledge and service delivery, will be a powerful force in the development of the Chinese insurance broking industry and Willis".

Willis Group Holdings Limited is a leading global insurance broker, developing and delivering professional insurance, reinsurance, risk management, financial and human resource consulting and actuarial services to corporations, public entities and institutions around the world. With over 300 offices in more than 100 countries, its global team of 13,000 associates serves clients in some 180 countries. Additional information on Willis may be found on its web site www.willis.com.

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