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): October 1, 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 8.01 Other Events

On October 1, 2004, Willis Group Holdings Limited issued a press release announcing that following the granting of regulatory approval, it has completed the acquisition of a 56% shareholding in Coyle Hamilton, the Republic of Ireland's largest privately owned insurance broker. The press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 hereto.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

- (c) The following document is filed as an exhibit to this report on Form 8-K:
 - $99.1\,$ Press Release dated October 1, 2004 of Willis Group Holdings Limited

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

Mary E. Caiazzo Assistant General Counsel

Dated: October 1, 2004

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit

Number Title

99.1 Press Release dated October 1, 2004, of Willis Group Holdings Limited

Willis Completes Coyle Hamilton Acquisition - Creates Ireland's Premier Insurance Broker

LONDON & NEW YORK--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Oct. 1, 2004--Willis Group Holdings (NYSE:WSH), the global insurance broker, today announces that following the granting of regulatory approval, it has completed the acquisition of a 56% shareholding in Coyle Hamilton, the Republic of Ireland's largest privately owned insurance broker. It will acquire the remaining interests in 2007 and 2009.

Coyle Hamilton has annualized revenue of approximately EUR 50 million (\$60 million). With offices in Dublin, Limerick, Cork, Belfast and London, its approximately 500 employees serve a broad range of multinational, corporate and personal clients.

The new Republic of Ireland enterprise, which has leading positions in insurance broking, employee benefits, reinsurance broking and risk management, is to be called Coyle Hamilton Willis.

Plans are well advanced to integrate Willis' existing business in the Republic of Ireland within Coyle Hamilton Willis. The businesses of Coyle Hamilton in Belfast and London will be integrated with the businesses of Willis in those markets.

Welcoming the creation of Ireland's premier insurance broker, Joe Plumeri, Chairman and CEO of Willis, said: "Willis has major growth plans and Coyle Hamilton Willis, with its strong local market positions, client focused philosophy and highly professional and experienced workforce will play a significant role in helping us realize our ambitions.

"This acquisition is consistent with our growth strategy to secure leadership positions in key markets and reflects the Willis Model of combining access to global resources with local expertise and close client relationships."

Hugh Governey, Chief Executive of Coyle Hamilton said: "Our business has become increasingly global over the past decade. Following this transaction, Coyle Hamilton Willis will be able to offer a significantly enhanced range of services and resources to all our clients here in Ireland. We do not believe we could have found a more attractive global partner than Willis which has enjoyed exceptional success and growth in recent years".

Hugh Governey will lead the new Coyle Hamilton Willis business in the Republic of Ireland and Jim Halliday, Chief Executive of Willis Northern Ireland, will lead the combined Northern Ireland business. Other appointments and detailed management structures will be advised as soon as these are established as part of the integration process.

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 80 countries, its global team of 14,500 Associates serves clients in 180 countries. Willis is publicly traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol WSH. Additional information on Willis may be found on its web site: www.willis.com.

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