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**WILLKIE CONTINUES LONDON GROWTH WITH INSURANCE SECTOR
PARTNER HIRE ANDY TROMANS**

London (October 1, 2015) – Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP today announced that Andy Tromans has joined the firm’s Corporate and Financial Services Department in London. With significant experience in the insurance market, Andy joins Willkie’s premier corporate insurance transactional team, which is internationally recognised as the market leader.

Andy joins from Clyde & Co and brings over 15 years’ experience advising on corporate and regulatory matters involving insurance companies and related financial institutions. He joins Willkie’s firm-wide insurance team, which represents clients in a wide range of corporate, regulatory and tax aspects of transactions, at a time of enhanced activity and change in the insurance market.

His practice includes advising on M&A transactions, capital raisings, the establishment of new insurance vehicles, and matters involving the PRA/FCA and EU regulatory regimes.

Andy is recognised in both the *Legal 500* and *Chambers and Partners* guides as a notable practitioner. He is also a contributor on UK regulatory matters in the leading reinsurance text book *The Law of Reinsurance* by O’Neil and Woloniecki.

Joseph Ferraro, Corporate and Financial Services Partner at Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP, said:

“I am thrilled to welcome Andy to the London team. His experience advising both life and non-life insurance companies in the London market will be invaluable, particularly given our integrated approach to serving firm-wide clients from other key insurance centres in the U.S., Bermuda, Zurich, Germany, France and Asia. His M&A experience complements our existing offering extremely well, and the upward spike in the number of cross-border transactions in the market makes Andy’s hire very timely.”

Peter Burrell, London Managing Partner at Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP, said:

“Willkie’s London office has always focused on our strategic practice areas. Andy is a highly talented lawyer, and his addition to the corporate insurance transactional team makes him the sixth partner hire in the London office in the last two years. He brings to 12 the number of Willkie partners in the UK.”

Andy Tromans, who joins as partner at Willkie Farr & Gallagher (UK) LLP, said:

“Willkie’s lawyers, who have deep corporate, tax and regulatory experience involving insurance companies and financial institutions, are recognised as some of the world’s foremost practitioners in their fields. I am delighted to be joining an ambitious and innovative team in London and look forward to contributing to the firm’s success.”

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Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP is an international law firm of more than 650 attorneys with offices in New York, Washington, Houston, Paris, London, Frankfurt, Brussels, Milan and Rome. The firm’s London office is at Citypoint, 1 Ropemaker Street, London EC2Y 9AW, Tel. 0 203 580 4707, and the firm is headquartered in New York City at 787 Seventh Avenue. Tel: 212.728.8000

Notes to editors:

Willkie's firm-wide Corporate Insurance Transactional Group is a widely recognised market leader:

- *SNL* ranked #1 for insurance M&A (based on both deal value and number of deals) (2014)
- *Thomson Reuters* #1 issuer's counsel for insurance capital markets offerings (2014)
- *Law360* "Practice Group of the Year" in Insurance, Mergers & Acquisitions, Bankruptcy and Real Estate (2014)
- *Chambers Europe*: "Excellent expertise in insurance-related capital raising projects, including corporate debt and equity, and reinsurance structures" (2014)
- *Chambers UK*: "What the team is known for ... Offers clients deep capital markets, tax and regulatory skills alongside a pure insurance practice" (2015)
- *Legal 500*: "Excellent and responsive team," Band 2 for "Insurance – Corporate and Regulatory" (2014)
- *Chambers USA* - Band 1 for "Insurance – Transactional and Regulatory" (2014)
- *Insurance Law U.S. News-Best Lawyers* – Tier 1 ranking (2015)

Willkie's cross-border, interdisciplinary Insurance and Reinsurance Group provides advice and insight on all facets of work involving insurance and reinsurance companies – transactional, tax, litigation and regulatory. The team includes leading U.S., UK and continental European lawyers with significant insurance industry knowledge as well as lawyers with significant experience in corporate, regulatory, capital markets and insurance-linked securities, asset management and other practice areas.