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**Chairman, Willis Research Network, Willis Group**

Mr Douglas is founder and Chairman of the Willis Research Network (WRN) at Willis Group. Augmenting the company's extensive internal resources, the WRN integrates Willis and its clients with leading edge data, modelling, risk science and expertise from approximately forty universities and science institutions to confront the challenges of delivering sustainability, resilience and financial security from natural and man-made risks. The WRN also supports the Group's interactions with selected public sector agencies, international institutions and initiatives to improve resilience of exposed populations and assets.

Previously Mr Douglas served as CEO Global Analytics for Willis Re and Willis Group. He began his career underwriting reinsurance at Syndicate 1095 at Lloyd's in 1992 before founding the international risk information company WIRE Limited in 1994 which he sold to Willis in 2000.

In 2011 Mr Douglas was appointed to the UK Prime Minister's Council for Science and Technology (CST). The CST is the UK Government's top-level advisory body on science and technology policy issues. Since 2008 he has served on the UK Natural Environmental Research Council (NERC) which oversees around £350m of annual science expenditure. Mr Douglas also Co-Chairs, World Meteorological Organisation (WMO) Expert Advisory Group on Financial Risk Transfer, Geneva and is as a member of the Private Sector Advisory Group of the U.N. International Strategy for Disaster Reduction.

He has served on the UNEP Finance Initiative Insurance Commission in Geneva; the Advisory Panel of the NCAR Earth System Laboratory, Boulder, Colorado; the Governing Board of the Global Earthquake Model Foundation, Pavia, Italy and on the UK Government's Lead Expert Group on Improving Future Disaster Anticipation and Resilience.

Mr Douglas holds degrees in Geography from Durham University (B.A. Hons) and the University of Bristol (M.Phil) and was Hon. Visiting Research Fellow, Science Policy

Research Unit, University of Sussex from 1995 until 2001. He lives and works in London.