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Holmes Murphy & Associates Purchases Assets from Willis of Colorado

DES MOINES – (May 4, 2015) – Holmes Murphy & Associates has entered into an agreement with Willis of Colorado, Inc. (d/b/a Willis of Colorado) to purchase certain assets within their construction and surety bond division. The transaction closed May 1, 2015.

Holmes Murphy has opened their new Denver office at 7600 East Orchard Road, Suite 330 South, Greenwood Village, Colo. In addition to surety bond producers, Don Appleby, Todd Bengford, and Mark Sweigart; and construction producers Laura Leovic and Craig Merten, a great team of talent and resources creates the foundation in Denver.

Holmes Murphy, one of the top privately-held insurance brokerage firms in the nation, is headquartered in Des Moines, Iowa, with 12 offices throughout the country. Founded in 1932 by Max Holmes and Ray Murphy, Holmes Murphy takes great pride in creating a culture that best serves the interests of our clients and employees.

“Service excellence remains one of our core values and we’re proud of our 97% customer satisfaction rating,” stated Dan Keough, Holmes Murphy Chairman and CEO. “While they may have a new name and location, clients can expect outstanding service from the team they know and trust.”

Holmes Murphy is ranked 26 among America’s top 100 brokers and serves business leaders across the nation in the areas of property casualty insurance, employee benefits, captive insurance, risk management and loss control. Holmes Murphy has a dedicated division of construction insurance and surety bond experts to address the unique risk management needs of builders and is among the top 10 percent of surety bond producers in the nation. The firm works with hundreds of construction companies to manage risk, secure bonds, control loss, improve safety and protect assets.

Holmes Murphy’s Denver team can be reached at 800-247-7756.

About Holmes Murphy & Associates

Founded in 1932, Holmes Murphy & Associates, an independent insurance brokerage, is ranked 26 among America’s top 100 brokers. Holmes Murphy has offices in Des Moines, Davenport and Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Dallas, Texas; Denver, Colo.; Kansas City, Kan.; Omaha, Neb.; Madison, Wis.; Peoria, Ill.; Oklahoma City, Okla.; Scottsdale, Ariz.; and Sioux Falls, S.D. Holmes Murphy serves business and industry leaders throughout the Midwest and across the nation in the areas of property casualty insurance, employee benefits, captive insurance, risk management and loss control. For more information, call 800-247-7756 or visit www.holmesmurphy.com. Follow Holmes Murphy on Twitter.com @holmesmurphyins or visit us on Facebook and LinkedIn.

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