



## **C. K. COOPER & COMPANY INITIATES COVERAGE OF WILLBROS GROUP INC.**

Irvine, Calif. – Dec. 23, 2009 – C. K. Cooper & Company, an independent, full-service investment bank, headquartered in Irvine, Calif. announced today that it has initiated coverage of Willbros Group Inc. (NYSE: WG).

“Willbros Group has over 100 years of history as a pipeline construction company and has operated in over 60 countries for over 400 clients. The company is moving towards more turnaround and maintenance work for the refining and petrochemical operators,” said Lewis Krepis, Senior Research Analyst with C. K. Cooper & Company. “With the recent deferrals of work in the last 18 months, Willbros backlog is expected to grow from its current level of \$500 million as the company bids on over \$1 billion in work in the next two quarters.”

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