ETHERIDGE R CLAY

Form 4

August 25, 2006

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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1(b).

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See Instruction

1. Name and Add ETHERIDGE	*	ing Person *	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol WILLBROS GROUP INC [WG]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction				
PLAZA 2000 BUILDING, 50TH STREET, 8TH FL, APARTADO 0816-01098			(Month/Day/Year) 08/23/2006	Director 10% Owner Officer (give titleX Other (specify below) Pres Willbros International			
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
PANAMA, R1			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acq	quired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned			

(,)	(/	Table 1 - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned								
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired on (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		
Common Stock	08/23/2006		Code V	Amount 7,058		Price \$ 17.67	(Instr. 3 and 4) 30,000	D		
Common Stock							159 <u>(1)</u>	I	401(k) Plan	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Title	and	8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	onNumber	Expiration D	ate	Amoun	t of	Derivative	Deriv
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				C + V	(A) (D)				of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> 10% Owner Officer Other Director

ETHERIDGE R CLAY PLAZA 2000 BUILDING, 50TH STREET, 8TH FL APARTADO 0816-01098 PANAMA, R1

Pres. - Willbros International

Signatures

Dennis G. Berryhill, Attorney-in-fact for R. Clay Etheridge

08/25/2006

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) The information is based on a plan statement dated as of August 24, 2006.

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