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Acquisitions Update
?9 million spent on two acquisitions taking total for bolt on acquisitions for the year ending 31 July 2007 to ?383 million
A further conditional acquisition announced enhancing Wolseley France's position in the truss assembly market

Wolseley plc, the world's largest specialist trade distributor of plumbing and heating products to professional contractors and a leading supplier of building materials, announced today two further bolt on acquisitions for an aggregate consideration of ?9 million. In a full year, these bolt on acquisitions are expected to add approximately ?14 million to total revenue.

Since the beginning of the financial year on 1 August 2006, a total of 43 bolt on acquisitions in Europe and North America have been completed for an aggregate consideration of approximately ?383 million. These 43 acquisitions are expected to add approximately ?671 million to Group revenue in a full year. Goodwill and intangible assets related to these acquisitions is estimated to be around ?261 million. In addition, on 25 September 2006, Wolseley plc completed the acquisition of DT Group (formerly known as Danske Traelast) for an estimated consideration of ?1,339 million, which brings aggregate acquisition spend for the year ended 31 July 2007 to ?1,722 million.

Details of the latest acquisitions are as follows:

North America

On 30 July 2007, Ferguson acquired the assets of Fire Fab, Inc. ("Fire Fab") from Brad Coons and David Wagner. Fire Fab is a distributor and fabricator of fire safety and suppression systems located in Minneapolis, Minnesota. In the year ended 31 December 2006, Fire Fab had revenue of $12.4 million (?6.0 million) and gross assets of $2.7 million (?1.3 million) at that date. This acquisition expands Ferguson's presence in the growing fire protection market.

Europe

On 30 July 2007, DT Group acquired STM?ve TrTM? ForsTM?ljnings AB ("STM?ve") from Pieter Martinsson AB, Klas Berntsson Invest AB and Per Stellan AB. STM?ve, a builders merchant, operates from two branches in STM?ve and Lerum, Sweden. In the year ended 31 December 2006, STM?ve had revenue of SEK111.0 million (?8.1 million) and gross assets of SEK33.1 million (?2.4 million) at that date. This is the eighth bolt on acquisition since DT Group joined Wolseley Group and is consistent with the plan to expand DT's heavy side building materials footprint in the Nordic region.

The divisional split of the total acquisition spend for the year ended 31 July 2007 is:

Division	No. of Acquisitions	Spend ? Million
Europe	21	96
North America	22	287
TOTAL BOLT ONS	43	383
Acquisition of DT Group	1	1,339

TOTAL ACQUISITION SPEND	44	1,722

In addition to the above, on 26 July 2007, Wolseley France signed an agreement conditional upon obtaining French competition clearance, to acquire Sofiparts SAS ("Sofiparts") and its subsidiary companies from SAS Savare. Sofiparts designs, engineers and assembles roof trusses operating from nineteen production sites across France. In the year ended 31 December 2006, Sofiparts had revenue of ?121.4 million (?81.5 million) and gross assets of ?36.6 million (?24.5 million) at that date. Completion of this acquisition is expected in November 2007. The conditional acquisition of Sofiparts is in line with Wolseley France's strategy to move into the truss assembly market and further increase its presence in the new residential sector.

Chip Hornsby, Group Chief Executive of Wolseley said:

"These acquisitions build on our strategy of profitable growth through acquisitions and organic means and provide increased diversity to the Group's product range. We are delighted to also be announcing an agreement to acquire Sofiparts, a leading operator in the truss and wood frame housing market which will further complement our existing building materials operations in France."

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Exchange Rates

The following exchange rate has been used for the acquisitions noted above:
?1 = $2.06, ?1 = SEK13.68, ?1 = ?1.49

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Notes to Editors

Wolseley plc is the world's largest specialist trade distributor of plumbing and heating products to professional contractors and a leading supplier of building materials in North America, the UK and Continental Europe. Group revenue for the year ended 31 July 2006 was approximately ?14.2 billion and operating profit, before amortisation of acquired intangibles, was ?882 million. Wolseley has around 78,000 employees operating in 28 countries namely: UK, USA, France, Canada, Ireland, Italy, The Netherlands, Switzerland, Austria, Czech Republic, Hungary, Belgium, Luxembourg, Denmark, Sweden, Finland, Norway, Slovak Republic, Poland, Romania, Croatia, San Marino, Panama, Puerto Rico, Trinidad & Tobago, Mexico, Barbados and Greenland. Wolseley is listed on the London and New York Stock Exchanges (LSE: WOS, NYSE: WOS) and is in the FTSE 100 index of listed companies.

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