NEWS RELEASE

Delisting from New York Stock Exchange and deregistration of US reporting obligations under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

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Further to the announcement made on 11 December 2007, " Wolseley to delist from New York Stock Exchange, deregister from the Securities Exchange Commission and move from full listing to Level I ADR", Wolseley plc, the world's largest specialist trade distributor of plumbing and heating products to professional contractors and a leading supplier of building materials, today announces that following the filing of a Form 25 with the SEC on 21 December 2007, the delisting of American Depositary Receipts (ADRs) (each representing one ordinary share in Wolseley plc), from the New York Stock Exchange is now effective.

As previously indicated, Wolseley intends to maintain its ADR facility as a Level I programme, which means that Wolseley's ADRs will be traded on the over-the-counter market (OTC) in the United States, under the symbol WOSLY. Wolseley's ordinary shares will continue to trade on the London Stock Exchange. Wolseley plc today filed a Form 15F with the US Securities and Exchange Commission ('SEC') to terminate its registration under the US Securities Exchange Act of 1934. The deregistration will be effective 90 days after the filing, unless the Form 15F is withdrawn by Wolseley or denied by the SEC. Wolseley will continue to publish its Annual Report and accounts and other documents and communications in accordance with Exchange Act Rule 12g3-2(b) on its website **www.wolseley.com**.

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 2007 was approximately £16.2 billion and operating profit, before amortization and impairment of acquired intangibles, was £877 million. Wolseley has around 77,000 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 Stock Exchange (LSE: WOS) and is in the FTSE 100 index of listed companies.

Certain information included in this release is forward-looking and involves risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied by forward looking statements. Forward-looking statements include, without limitation, projections relating to results of operations and financial conditions and Wolseley plans and objectives for future operations, including, without limitation, discussions of expected future revenues, financing plans and expected expenditures and divestments. All forward-looking statements in this release are based upon information known to Wolseley on the date of this report. Wolseley undertakes no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. It is not reasonably possible to itemize all of the many factors and specific events that could cause Wolseley forward looking statements to be incorrect or that could otherwise have a material adverse effect on the future operations or results of an international Group such as Wolseley. Information on some factors which could result in material difference to the results is available in the Company’s SEC filings.

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