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Non Executive Director Appointment

Wolseley plc today announces the appointment of Pilar Lopez to its Board as a Non Executive Director with effect from 1 January 2013. Pilar will also become a member of the Audit, Remuneration and Nominations Committees of the Board.

Pilar, 42, is Chief Financial Officer for Telefónica Europe, a position she has held since 2007. Through her role at Telefónica she is also a member of the Supervisory Board of Telefónica Czech Republic AS and Vice Chairman of the Supervisory Board of Telefónica Deutschland Holding AG. She joined Telefónica in 1999 working in a number of finance and strategy positions across the European and Latin American businesses. Prior to this Pilar worked in a variety of roles at J. P. Morgan, the US banking corporation, in Madrid, London and New York where she became a Vice President.

Commenting on the Board appointment, Gareth Davis, Chairman, said:

"We are delighted to welcome Pilar to the Wolseley team. She brings a great deal of corporate and financial experience, having worked in a range of senior roles handling complex issues in global businesses. We look forward to working with her."

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Notes to Editors:

1. Photographs of Pilar Lopez are available from Wolseley's press office +44 (0)118 9298700

2. About Wolseley

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. Ongoing Group revenue for the year ended 31 July 2012 was £12.7 billion and trading profit was £658 million. Wolseley has approximately 41,000 employees, is listed on the London Stock Exchange (LSE: WOS) and is in the FTSE 100 index of listed companies. For more information, please visit **www.wolseley.com** or follow us on Twitter **https://twitter.com/wolseleyplc**.

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