NEWS RELEASE

Holding(s) in Company

8/19/2009

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Wolseley PLC

19 August 2009

TR-1: NOTIFICATION OF MAJOR INTEREST IN SHARES

1. Identity of the issuer or the underlying issuer of existing shares to which voting rights are attached:

Wolseley plc

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2 Reason for the notification (please tick the appropriate box or boxes):

X

An acquisition or disposal of voting rights

An acquisition or disposal of qualifying financial instruments which may result in the acquisition of shares already issued to which voting rights are attached

An acquisition or disposal of instruments with similar economic effect to qualifying financial instruments

An event changing the breakdown of voting rights

Other (please specify):

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3. Full name of person(s) subject to the notification obligation:

AXA S.A., 25 Avenue Matignon,

75008 Paris and its group of companies

4. Full name of shareholder(s) (if different from 3.):

5. Date of the transaction and date on which the threshold is crossed or reached:

17/08/2009

6. Date on which issuer notified:

18/08/2009

7. Threshold(s) that is/are crossed or reached:

12%

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8. Notified details:

A: Voting rights attached to shares

Class/type of shares	Situation previous to the triggering transaction		Resulting situation after the triggering transaction				
if possible using the ISIN CODE	Number of Shares	Number of Voting Rights	Number of shares	Number of voting rights		% of voting rights	
			Direct	Direct	Indirect	Direct	Indirect
	32,958,124	32,958,124	1,157,083	1,157,083	34,591,450	0.41	12.19
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B: Qualifying Financial Instruments

Resulting situation after the triggering transaction

Type of financial instrument	Expiration date	Exercise/ Conversion Period	Number of voting rights that may be acquired if the instrument is exercised/ converted.	% of voting rights

C: Financial Instruments with similar economic effect to Qualifying Financial Instruments

Resulting situation after the triggering transaction

Type of financial instrument	Exercise price	Expiration date	Exercise/ Conversion period	Number of voting rights instrument refers to	% of voting rights	
					Nominal	Delta

Total (A+B+C)

Number of voting rights	Percentage of voting rights
35,748,533	12.59%

9. Chain of controlled undertakings through which the voting rights and/or the financial instruments are effectively held, if applicable:

Name of Company / Fund	Number of shares	% of issued share capital
Alliance Capital Management (Direct)	251,700	0.08868
AXA (Direct)	541,217	0.19068
AXA Australia (Indirect)	71,125	0.02506
AXA Financial, Inc (Direct)	34,476,533	12.14649
AXA IM UK (Direct)	364,166	0.128300033
AXA IM UK (Indirect)	43,792	0.02
Total Direct	1,157,083	0.40765
Total Indirect	34,591,450	12.18698

Total	35,748,533	12.59464

Proxy Voting:

10. Name of the proxy holder:

11. Number of voting rights proxy holder will cease to hold:

12. Date on which proxy holder will cease to hold voting rights:

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13. Additional information:

14. Contact name: Alison Drew

15. Contact telephone number: 0118 929 8700

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