NEWS RELEASE

Holding(s) in Company

12/16/2009

RNS Number : 2442E

Wolseley PLC

16 December 2009

TR-1: NOTIFICATION OF MAJOR INTEREST IN SHARES

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

Wolseley plc

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

An acquisition or disposal of voting rights	X
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):	

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:	15/12/2009
6. Date on which issuer notified:	16/12/2009

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
	37,261,372	37,261,372	631,907	631,907	31,386,659	0.22	11.06
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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

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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	Number of voting rights instrument	% of voting rights

period refers to

Nominal Delta

Total (A+B+C)

Number of voting rights	Percentage of voting rights
32,018,566	11.28%

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 Bernstein (Direct)	262,900.9	0.09262
Alliance Capital Management (Direct)	251,700	0.08868
AXA Australia (Indirect)	71,125	0.02506
AXA Financial, Inc (Direct)	31,271,742.1	11.0174
AXA IM UK (Direct)	117,306	0.041328268
AXA IM UK (Indirect)	43,792	0.02
Total Direct	631,907	0.22263
Total Indirect	31,386,659	11.05788
Total	32,018,566	11.28051

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:

13. Additional information:

14. Contact name:	Alison Drew
15. Contact telephone number:	0118 929 8700

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