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Michael Wareing to step down as a Non Executive Director

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The Board of Wolseley plc is announcing today that Michael Wareing will be standing down at the next Annual General Meeting as a Non Executive Director of Wolseley plc after more than five years' service on the Board. Accordingly, with effect from 25 November 2014 he will also step down as Chairman of the Audit Committee, a position he has held since his appointment to the Board in 2009.

In November, Michael will be succeeded as Chairman of the Audit Committee by Darren Shapland, who joined the Board in May.

Wolseley Chairman, Gareth Davis said:

"On behalf of the Board I would like to thank Michael for his considerable contribution to Wolseley and in particular his wise counsel and guidance chairing the Audit Committee over the past 5 years. We wish him well for the future."

Notes to announcement

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 2013 was £13,154 million and trading profit was £725 million. Wolseley has approximately 39,000 employees and 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**.

Wolseley will announce its Full Year Results on 30 September 2014.

Darren Shapland is a qualified chartered certified accountant who has recent and relevant financial experience running finance functions of major public companies, including being Chief Financial Officer at Sainsbury's plc from 2005 – 2010. A full profile of Darren's background and experience can be found on the Company's website at **www.wolseley.com**.