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Non Executive Director Appointment

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Wolseley plc today announces the appointment of Karen Witts to its Board as a Non Executive Director with effect from
1 November 2011. Karen will also become a member of the Audit and Remuneration Committees.

Karen, 48, is Vodafone Group's Chief Financial Officer for Africa, Middle East and Asia Pacific, a position she has held since June 2010. Through her role at Vodafone she is a Non Executive Director of Safaricom Ltd. Previously she worked for more than ten years in a number of financial and general management positions at BT Group, most recently as Chief Financial Officer of BT Retail. Prior to this, Karen worked as a Corporate Risk Manager for Paribas for two years. Karen's earlier career included financial and accounting positions at Grand Metropolitan plc between 1993 and 1997 and Mars Electronics International between 1992 and 1993. Karen trained as a Chartered Accountant at Ernst & Whinney.

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

"We are delighted to welcome Karen to the Wolseley team. Karen 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."

Notes to Editors

1. Photographs of Karen Witts are available from Wolseley's press office
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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. Group revenue for the year ended 31 July 2010 was £13.2 billion and operating profit, before exceptional items and the amortisation and impairment of acquired intangibles, was £450 million. Wolseley has around 47,000 employees operating in 25 countries and is listed on the London Stock Exchange (LSE: WOS) and is in the FTSE 100 index of listed companies.

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