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Non Executive Director Appointment

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

Alan, 59, has been a member of the Supervisory Board of HeidelbergCement AG since 2010 and was previously a Non Executive Director of International Power plc between 2007 and 2011. He has considerable international operational experience and was previously Group Chief Executive of Hanson plc between 2002 and 2007. Alan joined Hanson in 1988 holding various senior management positions before becoming Finance Director of the building materials group in 1997. He was CEO of Hanson North America between 1998 and 2002 before subsequently becoming Group CEO. In 2007 Hanson was acquired by HeidelbergCement AG and he was a member of the Management Board until the end of 2008. Alan is a qualified chartered management accountant.

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

“We are delighted to welcome Alan to the Wolseley team. His long career running major international businesses will be a great asset to Wolseley, as will his experience gained from his directorships of other major companies. We look forward to working with him.”

Notes to Editors:

1. Photographs of Alan Murray 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**.