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Wolseley Canada Appoints Vice-President of Human Resources

BURLINGTON, ONT. – Today, Wolseley Canada Inc. (Wolseley) announced the appointment of Kirk Larson to the position of vice-president of human resources (HR). In his new role, Larson will provide strategic HR support to the Canadian leadership and HR teams. In addition, Larson will also be responsible for the overall performance management of employees, and as a member of the executive team will be involved in the execution of the company's business strategy.

With nearly 30 years of management experience in HR, Larson joins Wolseley from Rolls-Royce Limited where he held several progressive executive HR positions, most recently working out of the London, U.K. office. As the executive vice-president of HR, Larson was a key member of the company's global transformation initiative, where he worked with the CEO and executive team to reorganize the company, resulting in increased employee engagement and improved processes. Previous to that, Larson worked in Rolls-Royce's Reston, Va. office for three years as the executive vice-president of HR service operations. He was responsible for ensuring HR service delivery to 55,000 employees, in 65 countries, and in 38 languages.

"I am very excited to welcome Kirk to Wolseley Canada," said Simon Oakland, CEO, Canada and Central Europe, Wolseley plc. "He has established himself as a leader in human resources development and management. His abilities, experience and insight will make him an invaluable asset to the company as we move ahead with our strategic initiatives."

Larson reports to Simon Oakland, and works out of Wolseley Canada's head office at 880 Laurentian Dr. in Burlington, Ont.



Kirk Larson

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About Wolseley Canada

Wolseley Canada (www.wolseleyinc.ca) is a market leader in the wholesale distribution of plumbing, heating, ventilation, air conditioning, refrigeration, waterworks, fire protection, pipes, valves and fittings and industrial products. With its head office in Burlington, Ontario, the company has approximately 2,500 employees and 220 locations coast-to-coast. Wolseley's team of sales and service specialists, an industry-leading e-business platform, and relationships with the best vendors and brands in the business, make Wolseley the professional's choice across the country.

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Wolseley is also committed to being a good corporate citizen, while building and sustaining valuable community partnerships. Since 2004 Wolseley has been a national sponsor of Special Olympics Canada, and has donated more than \$3.1 million through corporate sponsorship and employee fundraising. Wolseley is also an active supporter of Habitat for Humanity.

Wolseley Canada's parent company, Wolseley plc (www.wolseley.com) is the world's largest trade distributor of plumbing and heating products and a leading supplier of building materials. Wolseley plc is listed on the London Stock Exchange (LSE: WOS) and on the FTSE 100 index of listed companies.

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