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Wolseley Canada partners with University of Windsor's mathematics department to map supply chain network

BURLINGTON, ONT. – Today, Wolseley Canada Inc. (Wolseley) and the University of Windsor (UWindsor) announced Wolseley has partnered with UWindsor's mathematics department to create a digital model of Wolseley's distribution network. Once complete, the project will provide Wolseley with a detailed, interactive model of the company's supply chain operations, and will provide UWindsor PhD, graduate and undergraduate students with valuable real-world experience in their field of study.

Representatives from Wolseley Canada's supply chain department have provided the team at UWindsor with information about the company's various points of supply chain contact, including locations of branches, distribution centres, and vendor distribution centres. The team at UWindsor will use this information, in addition to data regarding locations of major highways, rail lines and other supply chain-specific content, to build an interactive software-based model for the company.

"We are extremely excited about the partnership with UWindsor, and we're looking forward to seeing the final result," said Chris Swartz, Vice-President, Supply Chain, Wolseley. "The information the model provides us will help us make key decisions on how to optimize our supply chain network for enhanced customer service, greater cost-efficiency, and environmental stewardship."

For UWindsor, the partnership provides students with an opportunity to work with representatives from one of Canada's largest companies to apply their skills and knowledge in a real-world setting.

"Partnerships like the one we have with Wolseley are critical for helping our students understand the real-world applications of their education and how they can leverage their knowledge and skills to make an impact in the business world," said Dr. Richard Caron, department head, mathematics and statistics, UWindsor. "Our students are excited to see the final result, and we're looking forward to seeing how our work will help Wolseley achieve its business goals."



CAPTION: *The Wolseley Canada-UWindsor project team. From left: Dr. Richard Caron, department head, mathematics and statistics, UWindsor; Tareq Oshan, PhD student, UWindsor; Chris Swartz, vice-president, supply chain, Wolseley Canada; Jon Ratnasamy, director, logistics and network modeling, Wolseley Canada; Rob Burdett, director, supply chain planning and analytics; and Dong Wang, demand planning and network optimization specialist, Wolseley Canada.*

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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.

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.

About the University of Windsor

The University of Windsor is a comprehensive, student-focused university, with more than 15,000 students enrolled in a broad range of undergraduate and graduate programs including several professional schools. The university boasts strong student-faculty relationships, exceptional award-winning faculty and innovative staff. The university creates a unifying atmosphere of excellence across all faculties to encourage lifelong learning, teaching, research and discovery.

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