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Wolseley Canada appoints industry veteran as Southwest Regional Manager

BURLINGTON, ON – **Wolseley Canada** has appointed **Rick Elliott** to the position of Southwest Regional Manager, effective December 1, 2009. Elliott will report to Paul Kennedy, Vice President – Central Region.

Elliott has over 30 years of industry experience and joins Wolseley from McKeough Supply where he was President and CEO for 14 years before becoming General Manager following the company's acquisition by Emco. Elliott has also served over a decade in numerous Chair, Committee and Director roles with the Canadian Institute of Plumbing and Heating.

Elliott will be responsible for managing and growing Wolseley's Southwest operations, now to include Hamilton which was previously part of the GTA. Elliott will provide leadership, direction and structure for all branches within the region and have accountability for sales, profitability, customer service, inventory, budgeting and finances.

"We are extremely pleased to have Rick join Wolseley Canada. With his professional experience and industry achievements, he is eminently qualified to lead Wolseley's Southwest region into a new era of growth and success," said Paul Kennedy, Vice President – Central Region.

Elliott is based out of Wolseley's Hamilton, Ontario branch at 123 Dartnell Road and can be contacted at rick.elliott@wolseleyinc.ca.

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About Wolseley Canada

Wolseley Canada is a market leader in the wholesale distribution of plumbing, heating, ventilation, air conditioning and refrigeration, engineered pipe, waterworks, fire protection, pipes, valves and fittings and industrial supplies products. Headquartered in Burlington, Ontario, the company operates approximately 250 branches across Canada. For more information, visit www.wolseleyinc.ca.

Wolseley Canada's parent company, 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 2009 was approximately £14.4 billion. At 31 July 2009 Wolseley had around 51,000 employees operating in 27 countries. Wolseley is listed on the London Stock Exchange (LSE: WOS) and is in the FTSE 100 index of listed companies.

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