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#### **Wolseley Canada creates more than 20 bursaries for skilled trades education**

(Burlington, ON) – Wolseley Canada is excited to announce a series of bursaries for post-secondary schools across the country to help offset the cost of skilled trades education programs.

Skilled trade professionals play a pivotal role in our country's economic growth, large-scale infrastructure development, and keeping homes, businesses, and public spaces operating and safe. And yet, Canada is facing a shortage of these valuable workers.

"We see first-hand, the important role that skilled trade workers have across the country," says Wally Quigg, President, Wolseley Canada. "We understand the rising costs of pursuing post-secondary education can be a barrier for many and we're proud to support students who are pursuing a career in the skilled trades."

This support includes 21 financial need-based bursaries ranging from \$750 to \$2,000, from coast to coast. It prioritizes programs related to the plumbing and HVAC industry, with a special focus on the provinces with the greatest skilled trades shortages.

"We want to make a difference," says Quigg. "If we can help remove some of the financial costs of education and help more students enter the trades, we'll have made a positive, lasting impact on the industry."

#### **About Wolseley Canada:**

Wolseley Canada 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 more than 220 locations coast to coast. Wolseley's team of sales and service specialists, an industry-leading e-business platform, Wolseley Express, and relationships with the best vendors and brands in the business, make Wolseley the professional's choice across the country.

Wolseley Canada's parent company, Ferguson (NYSE: FERG; LSE: FERG), is the largest value-added distributor serving the specialized professional in our \$340B residential and non-residential North American construction market. The company helps make our customers' complex projects simple, successful, and sustainable by providing expertise and a wide range of products and services from plumbing, HVAC, appliances, and lighting to PVF, water and wastewater solutions, and more. Headquartered in



Newport News, Va., Ferguson has sales of \$29.6 billion (FY'24) and approximately 35,000 associates in nearly 1,800 locations.

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