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Discussion of Forward-Looking Statements

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

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Additional Information

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This communication is not intended to and does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to subscribe for or buy or an invitation to purchase or subscribe for any securities or the solicitation of any vote or approval in any jurisdiction in connection with OfficeMax's proposed merger with Office Depot or otherwise, nor shall there be any sale, issuance or transfer of securities in any jurisdiction in contravention of applicable law. No offer of securities shall be made except by means of a prospectus meeting the requirements of Section 10 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

IMPORTANT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WILL BE FILED WITH THE SEC

Office Depot will file with the SEC a registration statement on Form S-4 that will include a Joint Proxy Statement of OfficeMax and Office Depot that also constitutes a prospectus of Office Depot. OfficeMax and Office Depot plan to mail the Joint Proxy Statement/Prospectus to their respective shareholders in connection with the transaction. INVESTORS AND SHAREHOLDERS ARE URGED TO READ THE JOINT PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS AND OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS FILED OR TO BE FILED WITH THE SEC CAREFULLY WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT OFFICEMAX, OFFICE DEPOT, THE TRANSACTION AND RELATED MATTERS. Investors and shareholders will be able to obtain free copies of the Joint Proxy Statement/Prospectus and other documents filed with the SEC by OfficeMax and Office Depot through the website maintained by the SEC at www.sec.gov. In addition, investors and shareholders will be able to obtain free copies of the Joint Proxy Statement/Prospectus and other documents filed by OfficeMax with the SEC by contacting OfficeMax Investor Relations at 263 Shuman Blvd., Naperville, Illinois 60563 or by calling 630-864-6800, and will be able to obtain free copies of the Joint Proxy Statement/Prospectus and other documents filed by Office Depot with the SEC by contacting Office Depot Investor Relations at 6600 North Military Trail, Boca Raton, Florida 33496 or by calling 561-438-3657.



Additional Information

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SOLICITATION

OfficeMax and Office Depot and their respective directors and executive officers may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from the respective shareholders of OfficeMax and Office Depot in respect of the transaction described in the Joint Proxy Statement/Prospectus. Information regarding the persons who may, under the rules of the SEC, be deemed participants in the solicitation of the respective shareholders of OfficeMax and Office Depot in connection with the proposed transaction, including a description of their direct or indirect interests, by security holdings or otherwise, will be set forth in the Joint Proxy Statement/Prospectus when it is filed with the SEC. Information regarding OfficeMax's directors and executive officers is contained in OfficeMax's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 29, 2012 and its Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A, dated March 20, 2012, which are filed with the SEC. Information regarding Office Depot's directors and executive officers is contained in Office Depot's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 29, 2012 and its Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A, dated March 15, 2012, which are filed with the SEC.



A Merger of Equals

OfficeMax[®] **Office DEPOT.**

FY 2012	OfficeMax	FY 2012	Office Depot
Adjusted Sales	\$6.9B	Adjusted Sales	\$10.7B
Adjusted Operating Income	\$139M	Adjusted EBIT	\$131M



Strategic Benefits of the Merger

- ✓ Enhanced financial performance
- ✓ Increased scale and competitiveness
- ✓ Global footprint
- ✓ Improved customer experience
- ✓ Accelerated innovation

Combined company will leverage talented associates and managers with deep industry knowledge



A Compelling Combination

Company	Accomplishment
OfficeMax	Nation's 12 th largest online retailer*
Office Depot	Nation's 6 th largest online retailer*
OfficeMax	One of the 2012 World's Most Ethical Companies, and the only company in the office supply industry to receive Ethics Inside [®] Certification by the Ethisphere Institute
Office Depot	Ranked in Top 50 of America's Corporations for Women and Minority Business Enterprises by DiversityBusiness.com from 2000 to 2010
OfficeMax/Office Depot	Focus on driving cost efficiencies
OfficeMax/Office Depot	Commitment to innovation (i.e., new store formats, services for the business customer)

*Internet[®] Retailer Magazine 2012 Top 500 list

Improved Customer Experience



- Continued focus on a high level of service
- Improved omni-channel capabilities to better serve our valued customers
- Products, services and solutions that enable customers to work more efficiently and productively
- Accelerate change in the office solutions business, bringing to customers innovative solutions for today's workplace
- Provide customers with a seamless experience across retail stores, direct sales, telesales and digital environments



Accelerated Innovation



- Sharing customer insights and learnings from innovative pilot programs underway to better identify and fulfill evolving customer needs
- Improved and expanded eCommerce offerings
- Complementary capabilities will provide customers with better solutions faster and more efficiently



Global Footprint

Strong position in multiple geographies



What the CEOs are Saying

“ We are excited to bring together two companies intent on accelerating innovation for our customers and better differentiating us for success in a dynamic and highly competitive global industry. Together, we will have the opportunity to build on our strong digital platforms and to expand our multichannel capabilities to better serve our customers and to compete more effectively.”

Ravi Saligram, President and CEO, OfficeMax

“ Office Depot and OfficeMax share a similar vision and culture, and will greatly benefit from drawing on the industry's most talented people, combining our best practices and realizing significant savings. We are confident that this merger of equals represents a new beginning for our two companies and will allow us to build a more competitive enterprise for the long term.”

Neil Austrian, Chairman and CEO, Office Depot



What Media and Analysts are Saying

“ This deal has been anticipated for years, given the strategic logic and potential synergies.”

David Gober, Morgan Stanley

“ Strategically, the deal makes sense, as the companies face a changing competitive environment.”

The New York Times

“ Saligram and Austrian emphasized that the combination, which will create a company that will do roughly \$18 billion in revenue, is a merger of equals.”

Chicago Tribune

“ ... the sector is certainly worth watching, as these transformative events unfold.”

Michael Lasser, UBS

“ Office Depot and OfficeMax made it official Wednesday morning, announcing a \$1.2 billion all-stock merger to create a company with a combined \$18 billion in sales.”

Forbes

“ OfficeMax Inc And Office Depot Announce Merger Of Equals To Create Global Office Solutions Company”

Reuters

“ ...the combined company ... would be the third-leading online retailer in North America based on 2011 sales, edging past previous No. 3 Apple ... according to an Internet Retailer estimate.”

Internet Retailer

Full Year 2012 – Total Company

Adjusted Sales*°	\$6.9 billion -0.8% ↓
Adjusted Operating Income*°	\$139 million +18% ↑
Adjusted Earnings Per Share*°	78 cents +28% ↑
Cash Flow From Operations°	\$185 million +245% ↑

*Adjusted sales growth, adjusted operating income and adjusted earnings per share are non-GAAP financial measures that exclude certain charges. See the earnings press release for a reconciliation to GAAP.

°Percentages are vs. prior year.



OfficeMax Company Strategy

Objective: Achieve peak operating margins, restore top-line growth, improve ROIC

