

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>VAN KALDEKERKEN ROLE</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) COLUMBUSWEG 33 (Street) VENLO, NL5928 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>OFFICE DEPOT INC [ODP]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) President - European Ops
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/18/2003	
4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	08/18/2003		M		16,667	A	\$10.4688	16,667	D	
Common Stock	08/18/2003		M		16,667	A	\$6.2382	33,334	D	
Common Stock	08/18/2003		M		25,000	A	\$6.7188	58,334	D	
Common Stock	08/18/2003		M		33,333	A	\$9.2	91,667	D	
Common Stock	08/18/2003		M		37,500	A	\$11.485	129,167	D	
Common Stock	08/18/2003		S		29,100	D	\$16.3	100,067	D	
Common Stock	08/18/2003		S		20,500	D	\$16.29	79,567	D	
Common Stock	08/18/2003		S		29,700	D	\$16.28	49,867	D	
Common Stock	08/18/2003		S		24,900	D	\$16.27	24,967	D	
Common Stock	08/18/2003		S		15,366	D	\$16.26	9,601	D	
Common Stock	08/18/2003		S		9,600	D	\$16.25	1	D	

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Option (Right to Buy)	\$10.4688	08/18/2003		M			16,667	01/06/2001	01/06/2010	Common Stock	16,667	\$0	0	D	
Option (Right to Buy)	\$11.485	08/18/2003		M			37,500	06/24/2003 ⁽¹⁾	02/14/2010	Common Stock	37,500	\$0	37,500	D	
Option (Right to Buy)	\$6.2382	08/18/2003		M			16,667	06/30/2001	06/30/2010	Common Stock	16,667	\$0	0	D	
Option (Right to Buy)	\$6.7188	08/18/2003		M			25,000	08/03/2001	08/03/2010	Common Stock	25,000	\$0	0	D	
Option (Right to Buy)	\$9.2	08/18/2003		M			33,333	02/12/2002 ⁽²⁾	02/12/2011	Common Stock	33,333	\$0	33,334	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- Vest on earlier achievement of stock price performance target of 25%-50% increase or 5 years from the date of the grant.
- Each option is exercisable with respect to one-third of the shares on each annual anniversary of the date of the grant.

Remarks:

By: Brian Dan, Attorney-in-Fact

08/19/2003

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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