

**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>BERNAUER DAVID W</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>200 WILMONT ROAD</u> <u>MAILSTOP 2264</u>  (Street) <u>DEERFIELD IL 60015</u>  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) <u>05/14/2004</u>	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>OFFICE DEPOT INC [ ODP ]</u>	
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)  6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
<u>Common Stock</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>D</u>	

**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date				
<u>Option (Right to Buy)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	<u>05/14/2011</u>	<u>Common Stock</u>	<u>3,750</u>	<u>16.41</u>	<u>D</u>
<u>Option (Right to Buy)</u>	<u>05/14/2005<sup>(2)</sup></u>	<u>05/14/2014</u>	<u>Common Stock</u>	<u>7,500</u>	<u>16.41</u>	<u>D</u>

**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 for: 05/21/2004

\*\* 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 5 (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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