## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC 20549

# FORM 8-K

Current Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of The Securities Exchange Act of 1934

> Date of Report: Date of earliest event reported:

May 3, 2007 May 3, 2007

## **OFFICEMAX INCORPORATED**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State of Incorporation) 1-5057 (Commission File Number) **82-0100960** (IRS Employer Identification No.)

263 Shuman Blvd. Naperville, Illinois 60563

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(630) 438-7800

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

#### Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On May 3, 2007, OfficeMax Incorporated (the "Company") issued an Earnings Release announcing its earnings for the first quarter of 2007. The earnings release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1. This information shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act"), or otherwise subject to the liability of that section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Exchange Act, except as expressly set forth by specific reference to such filing.

#### Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit 99.1 OfficeMax Incorporated Earnings Release dated May 3, 2007, announcing its earnings for the first quarter of 2007.

## SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Dated: May 3, 2007

## OFFICEMAX INCORPORATED

By: /s/ Matthew R. Broad Matthew R. Broad Executive Vice President and General Counsel

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### EXHIBIT INDEX

<u>Number</u> Exhibit 99.1

 Description

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News Release

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#### **OFFICEMAX REPORTS FIRST QUARTER 2007 FINANCIAL RESULTS**

NAPERVILLE, Ill., May 3, 2007 — OfficeMax® Incorporated (NYSE: OMX) today reported results for the first quarter ended March 31, 2007, including net income of \$58.6 million, or \$.76 per diluted share, compared with a net loss of \$25.1 million, or \$.37 per diluted share, in the first quarter of 2006.

The first quarter of 2007 included a \$1.1 million loss on the sale of our OfficeMax Contract operations in Mexico to our 51% owned Mexico joint venture. A detailed description of special items for this quarter and the same quarter last year and a reconciliation to the company's GAAP financial results are included in this press release. Excluding special items, net income for the first quarter of 2007 increased 7.2% to \$59.7 million from \$55.7 million in the first quarter of 2006. Excluding special items, diluted earnings per share were \$.77 in both of the first quarters of 2007 and 2006.

"Our results for the first quarter showed moderate improvement," said Sam Duncan, Chairman and CEO of OfficeMax. "In our Contract segment, we are addressing lower-margin sales which contributed to operating income margin contraction. In our Retail segment, we are pleased with continued gross margin expansion which delivered operating income margin improvement. Overall, we believe that our strategic initiatives support our turnaround plans and our pursuit of generating long-term shareholder value."

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#### **Contract Segment**

OfficeMax Contract segment sales increased 2.7% to \$1.3 billion in the first quarter of 2007 compared to the first quarter of 2006, reflecting sales growth in both our U.S. and international contract operations.

Contract segment operating income decreased to \$59.9 million in the first quarter of 2007 from \$67.0 million in the first quarter last year. Contract segment gross margin decreased to 22.1% in the first quarter of 2007 from 23.2% in the first quarter of 2006, primarily due to the impact of new and renewing accounts with lower gross margin rates. Contract segment operating income in the first quarter of 2007 benefited from targeted expense controls partially offset by increased sales compensation.

#### **Retail Segment**

OfficeMax Retail segment sales decreased 1.8% to \$1.2 billion in the first quarter of 2007 compared to the first quarter of 2006, primarily due to the impact of 109 strategic store closings completed during the first quarter of 2006. Retail segment same-store sales increased 0.5% in the first quarter of 2007. Adjusted for the company's initiative to eliminate mail-in rebates and to provide instant rebates in lieu of national, vendor-sponsored mail-in rebates, same-store sales improved by approximately 2% during the first quarter of 2007.

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Retail segment operating income increased to \$64.6 million in the first quarter of 2007 from \$60.6 million, excluding special items, in the first quarter of 2006. Retail segment gross margin increased to 29.3% in the first quarter of 2007 from 28.6% in the first quarter of 2006, primarily due to more effective promotional and marketing strategies and improved vendor funding. Retail segment operating income in the first quarter of 2007 benefited from reduced payroll-related and occupancy costs, offset by increased advertising expense and allocated general and administrative expenses.

During the first quarter of 2007, OfficeMax opened 9 new retail stores, ending the quarter with 915 retail stores compared with 867 stores at the end of the first quarter of 2006.

#### **Corporate and Other Segment**

The OfficeMax Corporate and Other segment includes support staff services and certain other expenses that are not fully allocated to the Retail and Contract segments. Excluding special items, Corporate and Other segment operating expense decreased by \$7.3 million to \$14.4 million in the first quarter of 2007 from the first quarter of 2006, primarily due to reduced legacy company costs.

OfficeMax used \$80.4 million of cash for operations in the first quarter of 2007, a decrease of \$152.3 million from the first quarter of 2006, reflecting changes in working capital and the impact of new stores and prior year strategic store closures. OfficeMax invested \$28.1 million for capital expenditures in

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the first quarter of 2007 compared to \$23.3 million in the first quarter of 2006. At March 31, 2007, OfficeMax reported total debt of \$384.5 million excluding the timber securitization notes, and cash and cash equivalents of \$139.6 million.

#### **Forward-Looking Statements**

Some statements made in this press release and other written or oral statements made by or on behalf of the company constitute "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the federal securities laws, including statements regarding the company's turnaround plans, future events and developments and the company's future performance, as well as management's expectations, beliefs, intentions, plans, estimates or projections relating to the future. Management believes that these forward-looking statements are reasonable. However, the company cannot guarantee that it will successfully execute its turnaround plans or that its actual results will be consistent with the forward-looking statements and you should not place undue reliance on them. These statements are based on current expectations and speak only as of the date they are made. The company undertakes no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of future events, new information or otherwise. Important factors regarding the company which may cause results to differ from expectations are included in the company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2006, including under the caption "Cautionary and Forward-Looking Statements," in Item 1A of that form, and in the company's other filings with the SEC.

#### **Conference Call Information**

OfficeMax will host a conference call with investors and analysts to discuss the first quarter 2007 results at 9:00 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time (8:00 a.m. Central Daylight Time) today. An audio webcast of the conference call can be accessed via the Internet by visiting the Investors section of the OfficeMax website at http://investor.officemax.com. To participate in the conference call, dial (800) 374-0165; international callers should dial (706) 634-0995. The audio webcast will be archived and available online for one year following the call and will be posted on the "Presentations" page located within the Investors section of the OfficeMax website.

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#### About OfficeMax

OfficeMax Incorporated is a leader in both business-to-business and retail office products distribution. The OfficeMax mission is simple: to help our customers do their best work. The company provides office supplies, print and document services through OfficeMax Impress<sup>TM</sup>, technology products and solutions, and furniture to large, medium and small businesses and consumers. OfficeMax customers are served by approximately 35,000 associates through direct sales, catalogs, e-commerce and more than 900 stores. For more information, visit: http://www.officemax.com.

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#### OFFICEMAX INCORPORATED AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (unaudited) (thousands)

	March 31, 2007	December 30, 2006
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 139,645	\$ 282,070
Receivables, net	559,708	562,528
Inventories	1,018,035	1,071,486
Other current assets	165,227	180,760
Total current assets	1,882,615	2,096,844
Property and equipment:		
Property and equipment	1,204,982	1,189,686
Accumulated depreciation	(629,562)	(610,061)
Property and equipment, net	575,420	579,625
Goodwill and intangible assets, net	1,419,038	1,417,336
Timber notes receivable	1,635,000	1,635,000
Other non-current assets	488,508	487,243
Total assets	\$ 6,000,581	\$ 6,216,048

#### LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY

Current liabilities:		
Current portion of long-term debt	34,885	25,634
Accounts payable	781,030	997,700
Accrued liabilities and other	519,343	505,569
Total current liabilities	1,335,258	1,528,903
Long-term debt:		
Long-term debt, less current portion	349,622	384,246
Timber notes securitized	1,470,000	 1,470,000
Total long-term debt	1,819,622	1,854,246
Other long-term obligations:		
Compensation and benefits	276,471	287,122
Other long-term liabilities	500,630	 530,248
Total other long-term liabilities	777,101	817,370
Minority interest	30,309	29,885
Shareholders' equity:		
Preferred stock	53,715	54,735
Common stock	188,272	187,226
Additional paid-in capital	897,640	893,848
Retained earnings	983,094	941,830
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(84,430)	 (91,995)
Total shareholders' equity	2,038,291	 1,985,644
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$ 6,000,581	\$ 6,216,048

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### OFFICEMAX INCORPORATED AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME (LOSS) (unaudited) (thousands, except per-share amounts)

	Quarter Ended			
	 March 31, 2007		April 1, 2006	
Sales	\$ 2,436,253	\$	2,423,537	
Cost of goods sold and occupancy costs	1,813,029		1,796,783	
Gross profit	 623,224		626,754	
Operating and other expenses:				
Operating and selling	420,768		433,045	
General and administrative	93,937		89,233	
Other operating (income) expense, net	(1,576)		112,840	
Operating income (loss)	 110,095		(8,364)	
Other income (expense):				
Interest expense	(30,116)		(31,503)	
Interest income	23,037		21,114	
Other expense, net	 (3,447)		(2,166)	
	 (10,526)		(12,555)	
Income (loss) from continuing operations before income taxes and minority interest	99,569		(20,919)	
Income tax expense	(38,832)		7,994	
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Income (loss) from continuing operations before minority interest	60,737		(12,925)	
Minority interest, net of income tax	 (2,198)		(1,181)	
Income (loss) from continuing operations	58,539		(14,106)	
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Discontinued operations:				
Operating loss	_		(17,972)	
Income tax benefit	 		6,991	
Loss from discontinued operations	_		(10,981)	
Net income (loss)	58,539		(25,087)	

Preferred dividends	 (1,008)	 (1,009)
Net income (loss) applicable to common shareholders	\$ 57,531	\$ (26,096)
Basic income (loss) per common share:		
Continuing operations	\$ 0.77	\$ (0.21)
Discontinued operations	_	(0.16)
Basic income (loss) per common share	\$ 0.77	\$ (0.37)
Diluted income (loss) per common share:		
Continuing operations	\$ 0.76	\$ (0.21)
Discontinued operations		(0.16)
Diluted income (loss) per common share	\$ 0.76	\$ (0.37)
Weighted Average Shares		
Basic	74,992	70,833
Diluted	75,744	70,833
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#### OFFICEMAX INCORPORATED AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (unaudited) (thousands)

	Quarter March 31,		
	2007	April 1, 2006	
Cash provided by (used for) operations:			
Net income (loss)	\$ 58,539	\$ (25,087)	
Items in net income (loss) not using (providing) cash:			
Depreciation and amortization	32,083	31,114	
Other	10,832	23,800	
Changes other than from acquisitions of business:			
Receivables and inventory	62,467	250,307	
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(251,026)	(214,362)	
Income taxes and other	6,712	6,173	
Cash provided by (used for) operations	(80,393)	71,945	
Cash provided by (used for) investment:			
Expenditures for property and equipment	(28,124)	(23,321)	
Other		596	
Cash used for investment	(28,124)	(22,725)	
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Cash provided by (used for) financing: Cash dividends paid	(11,235)	(10,620)	
Changes in debt, net	(25,681)	(34,454)	
Proceeds from exercise of stock options	3,903	(34,434)	
Other	(895)	300	
Cash provided used for financing	(33,908)	(44,774)	
	(33,300)	(44,774)	
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(142,425)	4,446	
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	282,070	72,198	
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Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 139,645	\$ 76,644	

OFFICEMAX INCORPORATED AND SUBSIDIARIES SUPPLEMENTAL SEGMENT INFORMATION (unaudited) (millions, except per-share data)

Quarter Ended

		March 31 , 2007						Арі	ril 1, 2006			
	R	As aported	]	Special Items (a)		Before Special Items	_]	As Reported		Special tems (b)		Before Special tems (c)
Segment Sales												
OfficeMax, Contract	\$	1,264.5			\$	1,264.5	\$	1,230.7			\$	1,230.7
OfficeMax, Retail		1,171.8				1,171.8		1,192.8				1,192.8
	_	2,436.3			_	2,436.3	_	2,423.5			_	2,423.5
Segment income (loss)												
OfficeMax, Contract	\$	59.9	\$		\$	59.9	\$	67.0	\$		\$	67.0
OfficeMax, Retail		64.6		_		64.6		(38.0)		98.6		60.6
Corporate and Other		(14.4)		_		(14.4)		(37.4)		15.7		(21.7)
Operating income (loss)		110.1		_		110.1		(8.4)		114.3	_	105.9
Operating income margin		4.5%				4.5%		-0.3%				4.4%
Interest expense		(30.1)				(30.1)		(31.5)				(31.5)
Interest income and other		19.6			_	19.6		19.0				19.0
Income (loss) from continuing operations												
before income taxes and minority interest		99.6		_		99.6		(20.9)		114.3		93.4
Income taxes		(38.8)		_		(38.8)		8.0		(44.5)		(36.5)
Income (loss) from continuing operations												
before minority interest		60.8		—		60.8		(12.9)		69.8		56.9
Minority interest, net of income tax		(2.2)		1.1		(1.1)		(1.2)				(1.2)
Income (loss) from continuing operations		58.6		1.1		59.7		(14.1)		69.8		55.7
Discontinued operations												
Operating loss								(18.0)		18.0		
Income tax benefit								7.0		(7.0)		
Loss from discontinued operations								(11.0)		11.0		
Net income (loss)	\$	58.6	\$	1.1	\$	59.7	\$	(25.1)	\$	80.8	\$	55.7
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Diluted income (loss) per common share												
Continuing operations	\$	0.76	\$	0.01	\$	0.77	\$	(0.21)	\$	0.98	\$	0.77
Discontinued operations								(0.16)		0.16		
Diluted income (loss) per common share	\$	0.76	\$	0.01	\$	0.77	\$	(0.37)	\$	1.14	\$	0.77

Totals may not foot due to rounding.

(a) See Note 4 for a discussion of these special items.

(b) See Notes 3 and 5 for a discussion of these special items.

(c) For the purpose of evaluating our results, net of taxes, we have presented

the results before special items using an estimated annual tax rate.

For the purpose of presenting diluted income (loss) per common share before

special items, we calculated diluted income (loss) per common share before special items

without making any adjustments to the number of shares used in the calculation of diluted

income (loss) per common share as reported.

#### (1) Financial Information

The quarterly and annual consolidated financial statements included in this release are unaudited, and should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements in our 2006 Annual Report on Form 10-K. In all periods presented, the measurement of net income (loss) involved estimates and judgments.

#### (2) Reconciliation of non-GAAP Measures to GAAP Meas ures

We evaluate our results of operations both before and after special gains and losses. We believe our presentation of financial measures before special items, which are non-GAAP measures, enhances our investors' overall understanding of our recurring operational performance. Specifically, we believe presenting results before special items provides useful information to both investors and management by excluding gains, losses and expenses that are not indicative of our core operating activities. In the preceding tables, we reconcile our financial measures before special items to our reported GAAP financial results for the first quarter of both 2007 and 2006.

#### First Quarter 2006

During the first quarter of 2006, we closed 109 underperforming domestic retail stores and recorded a charge of \$98.6 million in our Retail segment primarily for remaining lease obligations and we incurred \$15.7 million of expenses in our Corporate and Other segment related to our headquarters consolidation primarily for employee severance and retention.

#### (4) 2007 Special Items

First Quarter 2007

During the first quarter of 2007, we sold OfficeMax Contract's operations in Mexico to OfficeMax de Mexico, our 51% owned joint venture, resulting in a net loss of \$1.1 million which is included in minority interest, net of income tax in our Consolidated Statements of Income (Loss) for 2007.

#### (5) Discontinued Operations

In the first quarter of 2006, we cease d operations at the Company's wood-polymer building materials facility near Elma, Washington. The costs and expenses related to this business are reflected as discontinued operations in our Consolidated Statements of Income (Loss) for 2006 and are included as special items in our Segment Information tables.

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