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Competitor Able to Meet Growing
Challenges of a Rapidly Changing Industry
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OFFICE DEPOT SAFE HARBOR STATEMENT

This document may contain forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform

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concerning
Office
Depot,
the
merger
and
other
transactions
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the
merger

agreement, Office Depot's long-term credit rating and its revenues and operating earnings. These statements
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closing conditions with respect to the merger; the risks that the new businesses will not be integrated successfully or that Office Depot will not realize estimated cost savings and synergies; Office Depot's ability to maintain

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segments;

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purchases

from Office Depot; competitive pressures on Office Depot's sales and pricing; increases in the cost of material, energy and other production costs, or unexpected costs that cannot be recouped in product pricing; the introduction of competing technologies; unexpected technical or marketing difficulties; unexpected claims, charges, litigation or dispute resolutions; new laws and governmental regulations. The foregoing list of factors is not exhaustive. Investors and shareholders should carefully consider the foregoing factors and the other risks and uncertainties that affect Office Depot's business described in its Annual Report on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, Current Reports on Form 8-K and other documents filed from time to time with the SEC. Office Depot does not assume any obligation to update these forward-looking statements.

Discussion of Forward-Looking Statements

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OFFICEMAX SAFE HARBOR STATEMENT

Certain statements made in this document and other written or oral statements made by or on behalf of OfficeMax constitute "forward-looking statements"

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statements regarding OfficeMax's future performance, as well as management's expectations, beliefs, intentions, plans, estimates or projections relating to the future. OfficeMax cannot guarantee that the macroeconomy will perform within the assumptions underlying its projected outlook; that its initiatives will be successfully executed and produce the results underlying its expectations, due to the uncertainties inherent in new initiatives, including customer acceptance, unexpected expenses or challenges, or slower-than-expected results from initiatives; or that its actual results will be consistent with the forward-looking statements and you should not place undue reliance on them. In addition, forward-looking statements could be affected by the following additional factors, among others, related to the business combination: the occurrence of any event, change or other circumstances that could give rise to the termination of the merger agreement or the failure to satisfy closing conditions; the ability to obtain regulatory approvals or third-party approvals for the transaction and

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stockholders of OfficeMax and Office Depot; the risk that the synergies from the transaction may not be realized or

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relationships with customers, employees or suppliers; the ability to successfully integrate the businesses,
unexpected costs or unexpected liabilities that may arise from the transaction, whether or not consummated;
the inability to retain key personnel; future regulatory or legislative actions that could adversely affect OfficeMax
and Office Depot; and business plans of the customers and suppliers of OfficeMax and Office Depot. The
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any
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statement,
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future
events,
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information

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Important
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OfficeMax
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cause
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included
in
OfficeMax's
Annual
Report
on
Form
10-K
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year ended December 31, 2011, under 1A "Risk Factors", and in OfficeMax's other filings with the SEC.
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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 the Joint Proxy Statement of Office Depot and OfficeMax that also constitutes a prospectus of Office Depot. Office Depot and OfficeMax 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
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DOCUMENTS
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SEC CAREFULLY WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT OFFICE DEPOT, OFFICEMAX, 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 Office Depot and OfficeMax 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 Office Depot with the SEC by contacting Office Depot Investor Relations at 6600 North Military Trail, Boca Raton, FL 33496 or by calling 561-438-3657, and will be able to obtain free copies of the Joint Proxy Statement/Prospectus and other documents filed by OfficeMax by contacting OfficeMax Investor Relations at 263 Shuman Blvd., Naperville, Illinois, 60563 or by calling 630-864-6800.

Additional Information

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PARTICIPANTS IN THE SOLICITATION

Office Depot and OfficeMax and their respective directors and executive officers may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from the respective shareholders of Office Depot and OfficeMax in respect of the transaction described 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 Office Depot and OfficeMax in connection with the proposed transaction, including a description of their

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it
is
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.

Information regarding OfficeMax's directors and executive officers is contained in OfficeMax's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011 and its Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A, dated March 20, 2012, which are filed with the SEC.

Additional Information

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Transaction Highlights

OfficeMax and Office Depot merger of equals to create \$18 billion

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office

solutions
company

Two leading companies to combine to build a stronger, more efficient competitor able to meet the growing challenges of a rapidly changing industry

Customers will benefit from unique, innovative products, services and solutions available through a global, multichannel network

Combined company positioned for sustainable long-term value creation, including anticipated annual synergies of \$400-\$600 million and improved cash flows

Combined company's newly constituted Board of Directors to include equal representation from each of the two companies

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Pro forma combined revenue for the 12 months ended December 29, 2012

Transaction Highlights

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Anticipated Close

Calendar year 2013

Transaction

Consideration

Pro Forma

Ownership

Governance

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Management

Other Provisions

Approval Process

Tax-free stock-for-stock merger

2.69 Office Depot common shares per OfficeMax common share

If BC Partners is redeemed in full: 54% Office Depot, 46% OfficeMax

If BC Partners converts half of their preferred shares into common shares:

51% Office Depot, 44% OfficeMax, 5% BC Partners

New Board of Directors with equal representation from each company

Neil Austrian, the Chairman and CEO of Office Depot, and Ravi

Saligram, the President and CEO of OfficeMax will remain in their

current

positions

through

the

completion

of

the

new

CEO

search

process

Both incumbent CEOs, as well as external candidates, will be considered in the new CEO search process

The combined company's management team will draw upon experienced group of leaders from both companies

OfficeMax has the ability to declare a special dividend of up to \$131mm / \$1.50 per common share, which would not affect exchange ratio

Stockholder approval by both companies required

BC Partners has already agreed to vote in favor of the deal

Transaction is subject to regulatory approval

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Key Strategic Benefits of the Merger of Equals
Transaction

Enhanced financial performance

Increased scale and competitiveness

Global footprint

Improved customer experience

Accelerated innovation

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

Office Depot and OfficeMax are a compelling strategic fit

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Enhanced Financial Performance

Pro forma combined North American cost base of
approximately \$14 billion

\$400-\$600 million of total annual synergies mutually

identified

Driven by purchasing efficiencies, supply chain, advertising, headcount reduction & other G&A

Expect \$350-\$450 million of one-time costs to achieve and transaction expenses and expect capital investment of approximately \$200 million

International operations are complementary and are not expected to deliver significant synergies

Increased Scale and Competitiveness

Well positioned to optimize shared multichannel sales platform and distribution network, primarily in North America

Size and scale allow for expanded multichannel capabilities to better serve customers

Combined company better able to compete against larger players (e.g., Wal-Mart, Amazon, Costco, Target)

Better able to make the necessary investments to grow e-commerce platform and enhance systems to provide a seamless customer experience across channels

Global reach strengthens portfolio of products, services and solutions to customers worldwide

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Global Footprint

Strong position in multiple geographies

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Improved Customer Experience

Continued focus on a high level of service

Improved omnichannel 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

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Build lasting brand loyalty

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Accelerated Innovation

Sharing customer insights and learnings from innovative pilot programs underway to better identify and fulfill evolving customer needs

Improved and expanded e-commerce offerings

Complementary capabilities will provide customers
with better solutions faster and more efficiently
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Conclusion

Two leading companies combine to build a stronger, more efficient competitor

Customers to benefit from innovative products, services and

solutions available through a global, multichannel network

Long-term value creation, including anticipated annual synergies of \$400-\$600 million

Significant cash generation and liquidity to fund internal and external opportunities

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