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OFFICEMAX AND K CAPITAL SETTLE PROXY CONTEST

Itasca, Ill. April 25, 2005 OfficeMax Incorporated (NYSE: OMX) announced today that it has settled a potential proxy contest with K Capital Offshore Master Fund (U.S. Dollar), L.P. and Special K Capital Offshore Master Fund (U.S. Dollar), L.P. (collectively, K Capital) in connection with the election of directors at the 2005 Annual Meeting of Shareholders of OfficeMax. The annual meeting is scheduled for May 9, 2005.

K Capital has withdrawn its nomination of a candidate for election to the Board of Directors of OfficeMax at the upcoming Annual Meeting. The withdrawal is based on Officemax's stated willingness to appoint an additional independent director to the Company's Board of Directors at the end of June 2005 and to give active consideration in good faith to a candidate or candidates proposed by K Capital for such position. George J. Harad, currently the Executive Chairman of the Board of OfficeMax, previously announced his intent to resign from the OfficeMax Board as of June 30, 2005. Sam Duncan, OfficeMax's newly-appointed President and Chief Executive Officer, is expected to be appointed to the Board at that time.

Sam Duncan, President and Chief Executive Officer of OfficeMax, said: We are pleased that this dispute has been resolved and that OfficeMax will be able to spare its shareholders a costly and disruptive proxy contest. This will enable the board of directors and management to continue to focus their full attention on the business of the company and the pursuit of its strategic plan. We are all prepared to work together to continue to move forward with our first and foremost goal of enhancing shareholder value.

Speaking on behalf of K Capital, Brian Steck, managing director, said: We are pleased to be able to work constructively with OfficeMax toward the shared goal of enhancing both the long and short term value of the company.

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About OfficeMax

OfficeMax is a leader in both business-to-business and retail office products distribution. The company provides office supplies, and paper, print and document services, technology products and solutions, and furniture to large, medium, and small businesses and consumers. OfficeMax customers are served by more than 41,000 associates through direct sales, catalogs, the Internet, and 935 superstores.

Forward-Looking Statements

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