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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 14A (Rule 14a-101)

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN PROXY STATEMENT SCHEDULE 14A INFORMATION

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OFFICE DEPOT, INC.

(Name of Registrant as Specified In Its Charter)

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The following Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials was sent to Office Depot stockholders on or about March 14, 2008.

OFFICE DEPOT, INC.

2200 Old Germantown Road, Delray Beach, FL 33445

Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Stockholder Meeting to Be Held on Wednesday, April 23, 2008

This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet. We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting.

Dear Stockholder:

The 2008 Annual Meeting of Stockholders of OFFICE DEPOT, INC. (the ☐Company☐) will be held at the Boca Raton Marriott at Boca Center, 5150 Town Center Circle, Boca Raton, FL 33486, on Wednesday, April 23, 2008, at 8:30 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time.

Proposals to be considered at the Annual Meeting:

- (1) to elect twelve (12) members of the Board of Directors for the term described in the Proxy Statement;
- (2) To approve the 2008 Office Depot, Inc. Bonus Plan for Executive Management Employees;
- (3) to ratify the Company s Audit Committee appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP as the Company independent registered public accounting firm for the current year; and
- (4) to transact any other business that may properly come before the meeting.

The Board recommends a vote $\square FOR\square$ Items 1, 2 and 3.

The Board of Directors has fixed the close of business on March 3, 2008 as the record date (the [Record Date]) for the determination of stockholders entitled to receive notice of and to vote at the Annual Meeting or any adjournment(s) thereof.

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Stockholders of record as of the Record Date are encouraged and cordially invited to attend the Annual Meeting. For directions to attend the annual meeting where you may vote in person, please call 561-620-3712.

If you would like to receive a paper or e-mail copy of these documents, you must request them. Such documents will be mailed to you at no charge. Please make sure you request a copy as instructed below on or before April 9, 2008 to facilitate a timely delivery.

The following Proxy Materials are available for you to review online at: http://bnymellon.mobular.net/bnymellon/odp

- the Company s 2008 Proxy Statement (including all attachments thereto);
- the Proxy Card;
- the Company s Annual Report for the year ended December 29, 2007 (which is not deemed to be part of the official proxy soliciting materials); and
- any amendments to the foregoing materials that are required to be furnished to stockholders.

To request a paper copy of the Proxy Materials, please call 1-888-313-0164, or you may request a paper copy by email at shrrelations@bnymellon.com, or by logging onto http://bnymellon.mobular.net/bnymellon/odp.

ACCESSING YOUR PROXY MATERIALS ONLINE

YOU MUST REFERENCE YOUR 11-DIGIT CONTROL NUMBER WHEN YOU REQUEST A PAPER COPY OF THE PROXY MATERIALS OR TO VOTE YOUR PROXY ELECTRONICALLY.

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