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**OFFICE DEPOT AND THE OFFICE DEPOT FOUNDATION
PROVIDE FREE FAXING TO HAITI
TO HELP FAMILIES AND BUSINESSES WITH EARTHQUAKE RECOVERY**

Office Depot Copy & Print Centers to Offer Service Through April 30

Boca Raton, Fla., February 3, 2010 – Office Depot (NYSE: ODP), a leading global provider of office products and services, and the independent, non-profit Office Depot Foundation today announced that Office Depot stores will offer free faxing to Haiti to assist with recovery and rebuilding efforts following the recent earthquake.

Starting today, customers can stop by the Copy & Print Center in Office Depot stores in the United States and fax up to 25 pages per person free of charge to Haiti (area code 509). The free fax offer will continue through April 30, 2010.

“There are thousands of people throughout the United States that are in dire need of getting important documents back to their family members that are still in Haiti, and Office Depot is happy to play a small role in opening up the lines of communication,” said George Hill, Senior Vice President of Copy and Print for Office Depot. “Whether customers need to fax copies of important insurance papers, bank information or other materials that might have been destroyed in this tragedy, Office Depot locations around the country are standing by and ready to assist.”

The program is part of the Company’s multifaceted effort to help the people of the Caribbean nation. In the aftermath of the January 12 quake, the Office Depot Foundation donated \$10,000 to Doctors Without Borders to provide medical supplies and \$10,000 to Feed The Children, enabling it to send 40,000 pounds of rice to Haiti – enough for 160,000 individual meals. The Foundation will also give Feed The Children 2,500 backpacks to help children in Haiti who have nowhere to keep their possessions. Additionally, Office Depot is providing 20,000 square feet of space in Miami to serve as a staging location for donations being sent to Haiti.

The Foundation also announced the renewal of its sponsorship of the National Disaster Help Desk for Business, which is operated by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Business Civic Leadership Center. Businesses that have interests in the region, or that simply wish to assist, can call the Help Desk at 1-888-MY-BIZ-HELP for access to resources and information.

Since the earthquake struck, the Help Desk has fielded more than 1,000 phone calls and other inquiries. The disaster response professionals who staff the Help Desk have been able to connect donors of water systems, medical equipment, satellite phones and

emergency supplies with non-profits that need these items – thus allowing the relief organizations to use their financial resources for other needs.

“Helping people and small businesses to recover following natural disasters is an important aspect of our global mission,” notes Office Depot Foundation President Mary Wong. “This tragedy has inspired a remarkable international response. We are pleased to play a role in helping the people of Haiti as they begin the process of rebuilding their lives and their economy.”

To learn more about the Office Depot Foundation’s earthquake relief and recovery efforts, please visit www.officedepotfoundation.org.

About Office Depot

Every day, Office Depot is Taking Care of Business for millions of customers around the globe. For the local corner store as well as Fortune 500 companies, Office Depot provides products and services to its customers through 1,585 worldwide retail stores, a dedicated sales force, top-rated catalogs and a \$4.2 billion e-commerce operation. Office Depot has annual sales of approximately \$14.5 billion, and employs about 42,000 associates around the world. The Company provides more office products and services to more customers in more countries than any other company, and currently sells to customers directly or through affiliates in 49 countries.

Office Depot’s common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol ODP and is included in the S&P 500 Index. Additional press information can be found at: <http://mediarelations.officedepot.com>.

About the Office Depot Foundation

The Office Depot Foundation is an independent foundation (tax exempt under IRC Sec. 501(c)(3)) that serves as the independent charitable giving arm of Office Depot, Inc. In keeping with its mission, Listen Learn Care[®], the Foundation supports a variety of programs that help children succeed in school and in life; enable civil society (non-profit) organizations to become more efficient and effective; help people and businesses prepare for disasters, then recover and rebuild afterwards; strengthen local communities through grants, product donations and volunteerism; and encourage community development through entrepreneurship and economic innovation. For more information, visit www.officedepotfoundation.org.