

AULT LEE A III
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
AULT LEE A III

(Last) (First) (Middle)

2220 AVENUE OF THE STARS, SUITE 1004

(Street)

LOS ANGELES, CA 90067

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
OFFICE DEPOT INC [ODP]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/11/2005

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				(A) or (D)	Price			
				Code	V	Amount		
Restricted Stock ⁽¹⁾	02/11/2005		A	2,100	A	\$ 0	2,100	D

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 18.085	02/11/2005		A	4,200	02/11/2006 ⁽²⁾ 02/11/2012	Common Stock	4,200

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
AULT LEE A III 2220 AVENUE OF THE STARS SUITE 1004 LOS ANGELES, CA 90067	X			

Signatures

By: Anne Zuckerman,
Attorney-in-Fact for: 02/21/2005

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
Restricted stock vests upon attainment of performance targets based upon earnings per share as determined by the Compensation Committee. Half vests upon attainment of one target, and the remaining half vests upon attainment of a higher target. If targets are not met within three (3) years, the restricted stock expires unvested.
- (1) Each option is exercisable with respect to one-third of the shares on each annual anniversary of the date of the grant.
- (2) Each option is exercisable with respect to one-third of the shares on each annual anniversary of the date of the grant.

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