

## The ODP Corporation Announces Common Stock Repurchase from HG Vora

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BOCA RATON, Fla.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Mar. 13, 2023-- The ODP Corporation ("ODP," or the "Company") (NASDAQ:ODP), a leading provider of business services, products and digital workplace technology solutions to businesses and consumers, today announced that it has agreed to repurchase 2 million shares of common stock of the Company from HG Vora Special Opportunities Master Fund, Ltd. ("HG Vora"), at a price per share equal to \$44.55, for a total purchase price of approximately \$89.1 million. The Company anticipates borrowing under its asset-based lending facility to finance the transaction. ODP's Board of Directors authorized the transaction as part of ODP's existing \$1 billion share buy-back plan that was previously announced on November 2, 2022. Following the transaction, ODP expects to continue its share repurchases under such share buy-back plan, subject to a variety of factors including market conditions, regulatory requirements, and other corporate considerations.

"HG Vora continues to be a valuable shareholder, and Marcus Dunlop will continue to serve as a member of ODP's Board of Directors," said Gerry Smith, chief executive officer of The ODP Corporation. "Our decision to repurchase our shares through this transaction is consistent with our Board's stated intent and focus on returning capital to shareholders and accelerates our plans under our long-term share buyback program."

"We remain enthusiastic about our ongoing relationship with ODP, both as a shareholder and as a member of the Board of Directors," said Marcus Dunlop, partner at HG Vora and ODP Board member. "We are confident in ODP's future as it continues to execute upon its four-business unit strategy and prudently deploys capital."

Prior to the transaction, HG Vora owned 5 million shares, or approximately 12.4% of the Company's outstanding common stock based on the previously disclosed outstanding shares of common stock of the Company as of February 22, 2023. Following the transaction, HG Vora will own 3 million shares, or approximately 7.9% of the Company's outstanding shares of common stock, based on the outstanding shares as of February 22, 2023 (giving effect to the transaction).

## **About The ODP Corporation**

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Factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements include, among other things, highly competitive office products market and failure to differentiate the Company from other office supply resellers or respond to decline in general office supplies sales or to shifting consumer demands; competitive pressures on the Company's sales and pricing; the risk that the Company is unable to transform the business into a service-driven, B2B platform that such a strategy will not result in the benefits anticipated; the risk that the Company will not be able to achieve the expected benefits of its strategic plans, including its strategic shift to maintain all of its businesses under common ownership; the risk that the Company may not be able to realize the anticipated benefits of acquisitions due to unforeseen liabilities, future capital expenditures, expenses, indebtedness and the unanticipated loss of key customers or the inability to achieve expected revenues, synergies, cost savings or financial performance; the risk that the Company is unable to successfully maintain a relevant omni-channel experience for its customers; the risk that the Company is unable to execute the Maximize B2B Restructuring Plan successfully or that such plan will not result in the benefits anticipated; failure to effectively manage the Company's real estate portfolio; loss of business with government entities, purchasing consortiums, and sole- or limited- source distribution arrangements; failure to attract and retain qualified personnel, including employees in stores, service centers, distribution centers, field and corporate offices and executive management, and the inability to keep supply of skills and resources in balance with customer demand; failure to execute effective advertising efforts and maintain the Company's reputation and brand at a high level; disruptions in computer systems, including delivery of technology services; breach of information technology systems affecting reputation, business partner and customer relationships and operations and resulting in high costs and lost revenue; unanticipated downturns in business relationships with customers or terms with the suppliers, third-party vendors and business partners; disruption of global sourcing activities, evolving foreign trade policy (including tariffs imposed on certain foreign made goods); exclusive Office Depot branded products are subject to additional product, supply chain and legal risks; product safety and

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