

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>BESANKO BRUCE H</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>263 SHUMAN BOULEVARD</u> (Street) <u>NAPERVILLE IL 60563</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) <u>02/16/2009</u>	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>OFFICEMAX INC [OMX]</u>	
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <p style="text-align: center;"><u>EVP and CFO</u></p>	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
<u>No securities beneficially owned</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>D</u>	

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			

Explanation of Responses:

Remarks:

/s/ Matthew R. Broad, by POA for Bruce Besanko 02/17/2009

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5 (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).

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LIMITED POWER OF ATTORNEY

I, Bruce Besanko, hereby authorize and designate Matthew R. Broad and Susan Wagner-Fleming each acting individually, my true and lawful attorneys in fact, to execute and file with the Securities and Exchange Commission and New York Stock Exchange any Form 3, Form 4 and Form 5 under Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, from time to time to the extent such execution and filing may be necessary in order to comply with the requirements of Section 16 and the regulations thereunder.

This instrument shall be interpreted as a limited power of attorney, and the rights and powers granted are expressly limited to the rights and powers described herein.

The rights and powers granted in this instrument shall remain in full force and effect until I give notice to the attorneys in fact named above, in writing, that the power is terminated or 12 months after I cease to be an executive officer of OfficeMax Incorporated.

Dated: January 16, 2009

_/s/ Bruce Besanko_____

Bruce Besanko