# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

**WASHINGTON, DC 20549** 

# FORM 8-K

Current Report
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d)
of The Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report: September 18, 2013

Date of earliest event reported: September 18, 2013

# OFFICEMAX INCORPORATED

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware** (State of Incorporation)

1-5057 (Commission File Number) 82-0100960 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

263 Shuman Blvd.
Naperville, Illinois 60563
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(630) 438-7800 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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#### Item 8.01 Other Events

As previously disclosed, in connection with the pending merger of equals between OfficeMax Incorporated (the "Company") and Office Depot, Inc. ("Office Depot"), the Company and Office Depot have formed a CEO Selection Committee to oversee the search process for a chief executive officer for the combined company. On September 18, 2013, Mr. Ravi Saligram, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company, announced that he has withdrawn his name from consideration for the position of chief executive officer of the combined company. A copy of a letter sent to Company associates is attached as Exhibit 99.1. Mr. Saligram remains fully engaged as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company.

#### Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

99.1 Letter to OfficeMax Incorporated associates dated September 18, 2013

#### **FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

Certain statements made in this document and other written or oral statements made by or on behalf of OfficeMax and Office Depot constitute "forwardlooking statements" within the meaning of the federal securities laws, including statements regarding both companies' future performance, as well as management's expectations, beliefs, intentions, plans, estimates or projections relating to the future. OfficeMax and Office Depot cannot guarantee that the macroeconomy will perform within the assumptions underlying their respective projected outlook; that their respective initiatives will be successfully executed and produce the results underlying their respective expectations, due to the uncertainties inherent in new initiatives, including customer acceptance, unexpected expenses or challenges, or slower-than-expected results from initiatives; or that their respective actual results will be consistent with the forwardlooking statements and you should not place undue reliance on them. In addition, forward-looking statements could be affected by the following additional factors, among others, related to the business combination: the occurrence of any event, change or other circumstances that could give rise to the termination of the merger agreement or the failure to satisfy closing conditions; the ability to obtain regulatory approvals or third-party approvals for the transaction and the timing and conditions for such approvals; the risk that the synergies from the transaction may not be realized, may take longer to realize than expected, or may cost more to achieve than expected; disruption from the transaction making it more difficult to maintain relationships with customers, employees or suppliers; the ability to successfully integrate the businesses; unexpected costs or unexpected liabilities that may arise from the transaction, whether or not consummated; the inability to retain key personnel; future regulatory or legislative actions that could adversely affect OfficeMax and Office Depot; and business plans of the customers and suppliers of OfficeMax and Office Depot. The forward-looking statements made herein are based on current expectations and speak only as of the date they are made. OfficeMax and Office Depot undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of future events, new information or otherwise. Important factors regarding OfficeMax and Office Depot that may cause results to differ from expectations are included in the companies' respective Annual Reports on Form 10-K for the year ended December 29, 2012, under 1A "Risk Factors", and in the companies' other filings with the SEC.

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND WHERE TO FIND IT

This communication is not intended to and does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to subscribe for or buy or an invitation to purchase or subscribe for any securities in any jurisdiction in connection with the proposed merger of Office Depot with OfficeMax or otherwise, nor shall there be any sale, issuance or transfer of securities in any jurisdiction in contravention of applicable law. No offer of securities shall be made except by means of a prospectus meeting the requirements of Section 10 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. Office Depot has filed with the SEC a registration statement on Form S-4 that includes a definitive Joint Proxy Statement of Office Depot and OfficeMax that also constitutes a definitive prospectus of Office Depot. The registration statement was declared effective by the SEC on June 7, 2013. Office Depot and OfficeMax mailed the definitive Joint Proxy Statement/Prospectus to their respective shareholders in connection with the transaction on or about June 10, 2013. INVESTORS AND SHAREHOLDERS ARE URGED TO READ THE JOINT PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS AND OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS FILED OR TO BE FILED WITH THE SEC CAREFULLY BECAUSE THEY CONTAIN OR WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT OFFICE DEPOT, OFFICEMAX, THE TRANSACTION AND RELATED MATTERS. Investors and shareholders are able to obtain free copies of the definitive Joint Proxy Statement/Prospectus and other documents filed with the SEC by Office Depot and OfficeMax through the website maintained by the SEC at www.sec.gov. In addition, investors and shareholders are able to obtain free copies of the definitive Joint Proxy Statement/Prospectus and other documents filed by Office Depot with the SEC by contacting Office Depot Investor Relations at 6600 North Military Trail, Boca Raton, FL 33496 or by calling 561-438-7878, and are able to obtain free copies of the definitive Joint Proxy Statement/Prospectus and other documents filed by OfficeMax Investor Relations at 263 Shuman Blvd., Naperville, Illinois

#### **SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Dated: September 18, 2013

### OFFICEMAX INCORPORATED

By: /s/ Matthew R. Broad

Matthew R. Broad Executive Vice President and General Counsel

# EXHIBIT INDEX

## Number Description

99.1 Letter to OfficeMax Incorporated associates dated September 18, 2013



September 18, 2013

Dear Team,

As you know, I have been actively participating in the CEO interview process for the combined company and was one of the finalists. As the process has unfolded and integration planning has gained momentum, the CEO Selection Committee has recently begun to contemplate whether the combined company, in the context of a true merger of equals, would be better served by a new leader, with no ties to either company, who would bring a fresh perspective.

My primary goal remains to ensure the success of the merger. Therefore, I have come to the conclusion that it is in the best interests of all constituents to take myself out of the CEO search process. The Board understands and supports this course of action, and I hope to have your support and understanding as well.

I will continue to remain fully engaged as President and CEO of OfficeMax. We are optimistic that the merger will close by the end of the 2013 calendar year, and continue to work cooperatively with the FTC as it conducts its review of the proposed combination. I will also stay actively engaged in the Integration Steering Committee as an executive sponsor and steward, and will continue to champion the efforts of the integration teams to position the combined company for a successful merger.

After participating in the recent Integration Summit, I am more convinced than ever of the tremendous opportunity we have to launch the combined company. We all are part of an historic moment in the office solutions industry. I am very proud of the efforts I see throughout the organization, in both the integration planning and our day-to-day business. My sincere thanks to all of you for your continued resilience and customer focus.

It is my privilege and honor to be your leader.

Onwards and Upwards, Ravi