FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>COHEN CYNTHIA R</u>					2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol OFFICE DEPOT INC [ODP]									tionship o all applic Directo	,						
(Last) STRATE	(Fi	*	(Middle)		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/18/2004										Officer (give title below)		Other (sp below)		pecify		
1401 BRICKELL AVENUE, SUITE 640						4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)						
(Street) MIAMI	FI		33131											X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person							
(City)	(St	ate)	(Zip)																		
	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																				
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transac Date (Month/Date)				Execution			n Date	Code (Ins	Transaction Disposed Code (Instr. 5)		ities Acquired (A) o d Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4		l and Securition Benefici Owned I		s Illy ollowing	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership			
						Code V A					Amount	(A) o	(A) or (D) Price			Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)			(Instr. 4)		
	Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)																				
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	e Execution Date,			tion str.	5. Num of Derivat Securit Acquir (A) or Dispos of (D) (Instr. 3 and 5)	tive ties ed	Expiration Da	Date Exercisable and xpiration Date Month/Day/Year)			7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		Price of erivative ecurity 1str. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficial Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4)	e S Illy	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				c	ode \	,	(A)		Date Exercisable		xpiration ate	Title	Amoun or Numbe of Shares	r							
Option (Right to Buy)	\$17.545	02/18/2004			A		3,750		(1)	02	2/18/2011	Common Stock	3,750) !	\$17.545	3,750		D			
Option (Right to Buy)	\$17.545	02/18/2004			A		7,500		02/18/2005 ⁽²⁾	02	2/18/2014	Common Stock	7,500		\$17.545	7,500		D			

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Vest on earlier achievement of stock price performance target of 25%-50% increase or 5 years from 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.

Remarks:

By: Brian Dan, Attorney-in-Fact for:

02/20/2004

** 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 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).

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