
UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report September 16, 2003

Date of Earliest Event Referred to Herein: September 15, 2003

Commission file number 1-10948

OFFICE DEPOT, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

59-2663954

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

2200 Old Germantown Road, Delray Beach, Florida
(Address of principal executive offices)

33445
(Zip Code)

(561) 438-4800

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Former name or former address, if changed since last report: N/A

ITEM 9. INFORMATION FURNISHED PURSUANT TO REGULATION FD

1. On September 15, 2003, Office Depot, Inc. issued a press release announcing the resignation of its EVP, Merchandising, David D'Arezzo and his decision to join Raley's Supermarkets, a privately-held company. A copy of such press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.1

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

99.1.1 Press Release dated September 15, 2003.

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 thereunto duly authorized.

OFFICE DEPOT, INC.

Date: September 16, 2003

By: /s/ DAVID C. FANNIN

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**Office Depot EVP, Merchandising, David D'Arezzo, Resigns;
To Join Raley's Supermarkets as Chief Operating Officer**

Delray Beach, Fla. – September 15, 2003 — Office Depot, Inc. (NYSE:ODP), announced today that its Executive Vice President, Merchandising, David D'Arezzo, has resigned from the company to become Chief Operating Officer of privately held Raley's Supermarkets, in West Sacramento, California.

D'Arezzo, a California native, also stated in announcing his decision that he had a strong personal desire for family and other considerations to return to California, and this new position affords an opportunity to accept a new professional challenge while at the same time fulfilling a personal objective.

Bruce Nelson, Office Depot's Chairman and CEO, stated: "In the year that Dave D'Arezzo has led our merchandising efforts, he has made great progress in improving the professionalism of our merchandising team and, in particular, has contributed to such initiatives as our new Millennium store format. We understand Dave's strong personal desire, and that of his family, to return home to California, and we wish Dave well in his new position as COO of Raley's."

Nelson added, "Dave has agreed to remain in his position for a short period of time to support the transition to a new Chief Merchandising Officer. We are launching an immediate search for a successor."

About Office Depot

No one sells more office products to more customers in more countries than Office Depot. The company, founded in 1986 and headquartered in Delray Beach, FL, conducts business in 22 countries and employs nearly 50,000 people worldwide.

Operating under the Office Depot, Viking Office Products, Viking Direct, 4Sure.com and Guilbert brand names, Office Depot is an industry leader in every distribution channel – from retail stores and contract delivery to catalogs and e-commerce. The company is the world's number two online retailer – on target to generate \$2.5B in sales for FY'03 – and is home to a number of award-winning web sites, including <http://www.espanol.officedepot.com/> one of the first fully functional, Spanish-language retail sites.

In North America, Office Depot has more than 870 retail stores in addition to a national business-to-business delivery network supported by 22 delivery centers, more than 60 local sales offices and 13 regional call centers.

The company's common stock is traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol ODP and is included in the S&P 500 Index.