



OfficeMax Announces Changes to Board, Executive Management Team

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ITASCA, Ill., Nov. 1 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- OfficeMax(R), Incorporated (NYSE: OMX), formerly Boise Cascade Corporation, today announced changes to its board of directors and executive management team.

George J. Harad, previously chairman and chief executive officer of Boise Cascade Corporation, was elected executive chairman of the board of OfficeMax. Chris Milliken, formerly division president and chief executive officer of Boise Office Solutions, was elected president, chief executive officer, and a director of OfficeMax.

Other management positions announced include:

- Gary Peterson, president, Retail -- Peterson joined OfficeMax, Inc., in 2000 as president and chief operating officer and was responsible for all day-to-day operations of OfficeMax's retail, commercial, and catalog businesses. Following the acquisition of OfficeMax, Inc., by Boise Cascade Corporation in 2003, Peterson was named president of Boise Office Solutions' retail operations.
- Michael Rowsey, president, Contract -- Rowsey began his career with Boise Office Solutions in 1979 as a sales trainee. Since that time, he has held several positions within the business. He served as division vice president until 2001, when he was promoted to division senior vice president for Logistics and Strategic Planning. Most recently, Rowsey was senior vice president, Boise Office Solutions, and general manager of Boise's contract office products business.
- Ryan Vero, executive vice president, Merchandising -- Vero joined OfficeMax, Inc., in 1994 and has held numerous positions including executive vice president, e-Commerce/Direct, where he was instrumental in the 1995 launch of OfficeMax's award-winning e-Commerce site. Following the acquisition of OfficeMax, Inc., by Boise Cascade Corporation in 2003, Vero became executive vice president, Merchandising for Boise Office Solutions.
- Harold L. Mulet, executive vice president, Retail Stores -- Mulet joined OfficeMax, Inc., in 1999 as executive vice president, retail sales and productivity, where he was responsible for store and field operations. Following the acquisition of OfficeMax, Inc., by Boise Cascade Corporation in 2003, he served as executive vice president - Retail Stores for Boise Office Solutions.
- David Goudge, executive vice president, Marketing -- Goudge joined Boise Office Solutions as a sales representative in 1980. From 1983 to 1990, he held increasingly responsible positions in sales and general management. He was promoted to manager of product marketing in 1993, named vice president for marketing in 1998, and division senior vice president for marketing in 2000.
- Steve Embree, executive vice president, Merchandising - Retail -- Embree joined OfficeMax in 2004. Prior to joining OfficeMax, Embree was Executive Vice President Merchandising and Replenishment for Office Depot, which he joined in 1991. Before joining Office Depot he was employed by Office Club, a West Coast start-up business, as Divisional Merchandise Manager/Senior Buyer.
- Matt Broad, executive vice president, general counsel and corporate secretary -- Broad joined Boise Cascade Corporation in 1984 as counsel in the legal department. In 1989, he was promoted to associate general counsel responsible for the office products distribution

division. In 1989, Broad was appointed corporate secretary of Boise Cascade Office Products Corporation.

Information about these and other OfficeMax executives and officers, along with an organizational chart, fact sheets, and other information, is available at <http://officemax.mediaroom.com/> .

Effective today, Boise Cascade Corporation changed its company name to OfficeMax, Incorporated. This change followed the completion of the sale of the company's paper, forest products, and timberland assets for approximately \$3.7 billion to affiliates of Madison Dearborn Partners. As a result of this transaction, several members of the former executive management team will serve in transitional positions with OfficeMax and then retire when the transition is complete. They include:

- John Bender, senior vice president, Boise Building Solutions
- Graham Covington, vice president, Boise Paper Solutions
- Ted Crumley, senior vice president and chief financial officer
- Ben Groce, senior vice president, Boise Paper Solutions
- Vince Hannity, vice president, Corporate Communications and Investor Relations
- Guy Hurlbutt, vice president, Public Policy & Environment

About OfficeMax

OfficeMax is a leader in both business-to-business and retail office products distribution. OfficeMax delivers an unparalleled customer experience -- in service, in product, in time savings, and in value -- through a relentless focus on its customers. The company provides office supplies and paper, technology products and solutions, and furniture to large, medium, and small businesses and consumers. OfficeMax customers are served by more than 40,000 associates through direct sales, catalogs, the Internet, and more than 900 superstores. The business had sales of \$6.6 billion in the first nine months of 2004.

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