FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| Name and Address of Reporting Person* Lower Joseph T | | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol OFFICE DEPOT INC [ODP] | | | | | | | | | | all app Direct | olicable) etor er (give title | Oth | Owner er (specify |
|--|---|--|--|------------------------------|---|--|--------------------|--|--|--------------------|--------------|---|-----|---|--|--------------------------------------|---|---|---|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 6600 NORTH MILITARY TRAIL LEGAL DEPARTMENT | | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/08/2020 | | | | | | | | | Λ | EVE | w) below) P & Chief Financial Office | | , | |
| (Street) BOCA RATON FL 33496 (City) (State) (Zip) | | | | 4. If | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable ine) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | | |
| Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Trans Date (Month/I | | | | | | r) E | Execution f any | Deemed ecution Date, any onth/Day/Year) | | Transaction | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 5) | | | l and Secul Bene Owne Repo | | cially d Following ted | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | of Indirect |
| Common Stock | | | | 01/08/2020 | | | | Code | V | 49,920 | (| (A) or (D) Price | | · | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) 981,254 | | D | <u> </u> | |
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| 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) | tive Conversion Date Execution ty or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any | | | n Date, Transact Code (In | | | | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | | ount | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4) | Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | Beneficial Ownership t (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | Code V | | (A) (D) | | | | Expiration Date | Title Shares | | res | | | | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. Shares of common stock withheld by Issuer to satisfy tax withholding obligations on vesting of shares with restrictions from a grant issued on January 8, 2018.

/s/ N. David Bleisch, Attorney- 01/10/2020 in-Fact

** 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).
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