



**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 August 5, 2003**

**Commission file number 1-10948**

**OFFICE DEPOT, INC.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

**Delaware**

**59-2663954**

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**(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)**

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

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**2200 Old Germantown Road, Delray Beach, Florida**

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**33445**

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**(Address of principal executive offices)**

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**(Zip Code)**

**(561) 438-4800**

**(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)**

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

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ITEM 9. INFORMATION FURNISHED PURSUANT TO SEC REGULATION FD

On August 5, 2003, Office Depot, Inc. issued a press release announcing its planned issuance of \$300 million of debt securities, pursuant to an institutional private placement of its ten-year senior notes. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated by reference herein.

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ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

99.1 Press release of Office Depot, Inc. issued on August 5, 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.

Date: August 5, 2003

OFFICE DEPOT, INC.

By: /S/ DAVID C. FANNIN

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**OFFICE DEPOT ANNOUNCES PLANNED PRIVATE PLACEMENT OF  
\$300 MILLION TEN-YEAR NOTES**

**(Delray Beach, Fla) August 5, 2003** — OFFICE DEPOT, INC. (NYSE: ODP) today announced that it plans to raise up to \$300 million through an institutional private placement of its ten-year senior notes. Completion of the offering is anticipated by mid-August, subject to market conditions.

Net proceeds of the debt offering will be used to enhance corporate liquidity following the Company's recent acquisition of Guilbert, S.A., for working capital and other corporate purposes.

This announcement is neither an offer to sell nor a solicitation of an offer to buy any of the notes. The notes will be privately offered only to qualified institutional buyers under Rule 144A and under Regulation S of the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended. The notes may not be offered or sold in the United States absent registration or an applicable exemption from registration requirements.

**CAUTIONARY STATEMENT REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING INFORMATION:** This press release contains forward-looking information regarding our contemplated future issuance of debt securities by means of a private placement. These are forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, as amended. These statements involve risks and uncertainties which may cause actual results to differ materially from those discussed herein. Our ability to consummate the proposed private placement of debt securities includes uncertainties relating to market conditions for debt securities in general and for our debt securities in particular. Other risks and uncertainties regarding Office Depot, Inc. are detailed from time to time in our filings with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"), including without limitation our most recent filing on Form 10-K, filed on March 13, 2003, and in our 10-Q and 8-K filings made from time to time. You are strongly urged to review all such filings for a more detailed discussion of such risks and uncertainties. The Company's SEC filings are readily obtainable at no charge at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov) and at [www.freeEDGAR.com](http://www.freeEDGAR.com), as well as on a number of other commercial web sites. We specifically disclaim any obligation to update the forward-looking statements contained herein, although we may voluntarily elect to do so.