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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* WOODS WARD W JR | | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol OFFICEMAX INC [OMX] | | | | | | | | | elationship ck all appli Directo | licable) | | Person(s) to Issuer 10% Owner | |
| (Last) BESSEN | • | irst) RITIES CORP. | (Middle) | | | | of Earlies 2004 | st Trar | nsaction (Moi | nth/Da | ay/Year) | | | | Officer below) | (give title | | Other (specify below) | |
| 630 FIF | ΓΗ AVENU | JE, 39TH FLOO | R | | 4. I | f Am | endment, | Date | of Original F | iled (| Month/D | ay/Year) | | | lividual or . | Joint/Group | Filin | g (Check Ap | plicable |
| (Street) NEW Y | ORK N | Y | 10111 | | | | | | | | | | | Line) | | iled by Moi | | orting Person | |
| (City) | (S | tate) | (Zip) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Tab | le I - Nor | n-Deriv | ative | e Se | curitie | s Ac | cquired, D | Disp | osed o | of, or Be | enefic | cially | / Owned | ł | | | |
| 1. Title of | Security (Ins | tr. 3) | | 2. Trans Date (Month/ | | | 2A. Deen Execution if any (Month/D | n Date | Code (Ir | | | ities Acqui d Of (D) (Ir | | | | es ally Following | Form (D) o | n: Direct or Indirect nstr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership |
| | | | | | | | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) (D) | or Pr | ice | Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | | (Instr. 4) |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 11, | .085 | | D | |
| | | 7 | | | | | | | uired, Di | | | | | | Owned | | | | |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | rivative Conversion Date Execution curity or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any | | ed Date, | 4. Transa | Transaction of Code (Instr. Derivative | | nber ative ities red sed 3, 4 | 6. Date Exercisal Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | ble and 7. Title and Amount of | | nd of s ng e Secur | 8 | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | | piration te | Title | Amo or Num of Shar | ber | | | | | |
| Purchase Option | \$2.5 | | | | | | | | 07/01/1993 | | (1) | Common Stock | 76 | 3 | | 763 | | D | |
| Purchase Option | \$2.5 | | | | | | | | 07/01/1994 | | (1) | Common Stock | 2,1 | 64 | | 2,164 | | D | |
| Purchase Option | \$2.5 | | | | | | | | 07/01/1995 | | (1) | Common Stock | 1,7 | 01 | | 1,701 | | D | |
| Purchase Option | \$2.5 | | | | | | | | 07/01/1996 | | (1) | Common Stock | 95 | 5 | | 955 | | D | |
| Purchase Option | \$2.5 | | | | | | | | 07/01/1997 | | (1) | Common Stock | 1,6 | 59 | | 1,659 | | D | |
| Purchase Option | \$2.5 | | | | | | | | 07/01/1998 | | (1) | Common Stock | 1,5 | 65 | | 1,565 | | D | |
| Purchase Option | \$2.5 | | | | | | | | 07/01/1999 | | (1) | Common Stock | 2,0 | 13 | | 2,013 | | D | |
| Purchase Option | \$2.5 | | | | | | | | 07/01/2000 | | (1) | Common Stock | 1,3 | 34 | | 1,334 | | D | |
| Purchase Option | \$2.5 | | | | | | | | 07/01/2001 | | (1) | Common Stock | 2,4 | 31 | | 2,481 | | D | |
| Purchase Option | \$2.5 | | | | | | | | 07/01/2002 | | (1) | Common Stock | 1,7 | 10 | | 1,710 | | D | |
| Purchase Option | \$2.5 | | | | | | | | 07/01/2003 | T | (1) | Common Stock | 37 | 2 | | 372 | | D | |
| Purchase Option | \$2.5 | | | \neg | | | | | 07/01/2004 | | (1) | Common Stock | 44 | 8 | | 448 | | D | |
| Purchase Option | \$2.5 | 12/31/2004 | | | A | | 1,088 | | 07/01/2005 | | (1) | Common Stock | 1,0 | 88 | \$2.5 | 1,088 | | D | |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$41.875 | | | | | | | | 08/01/1996 | 07/ | /31/2005 | Common Stock | 1,0 | 00 | | 1,000 | | D | |
| Stock Option (Right to | \$32.5 | | | | | | | | 08/01/1997 | 07/ | /31/2006 | Common Stock | 1,5 | 00 | | 1,500 | | D | |

| 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) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transa Code (8) | | 5. Num of Deriva Securi Acquir (A) or Dispos of (D) (Instr. and 5) | itive ities red sed 3, 4 | 6. Date Exerc Expiration Da (Month/Day/N | ate | 7. Title an Amount o Securities Underlyin Derivative (Instr. 3 ar | f g Security | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$37.0625 | | | | | | | 08/01/1998 | 07/31/2007 | Common Stock | 1,500 | | 1,500 | D | |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$28 | | | | | | | 08/01/1999 | 07/31/2008 | Common Stock | 1,500 | | 1,500 | D | |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$38.75 | | | | | | | 07/30/2000 | 07/30/2009 | Common Stock | 1,500 | | 1,500 | D | |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$27.625 | | | | | | | 07/31/2001 | 07/31/2010 | Common Stock | 2,000 | | 2,000 | D | |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$36.2 | | | | | | | 07/31/2002 | 07/31/2011 | Common Stock | 2,000 | | 2,000 | D | |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$28.99 | | | | | | | 07/31/2003 | 07/31/2012 | Common Stock | 2,500 | | 2,500 | D | |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$24.79 | | | | | | | 07/31/2004 | 07/31/2013 | Common Stock | 3,000 | | 3,000 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. Option expires three years following option holder's termination as a director of the company.

Remarks:

/s/ Matthew R. Broad POA for 01/04/2005

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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