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Summary of Announcement

- **Acquisition of OfficeMax**
- **Evaluation of strategic alternatives for Paper and Building Products**



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Transaction Summary

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Strategic Rationale Acquisition of OfficeMax

- **More than doubles sales of Boise Office Solutions**
 - 2002 Pro Forma Sales of \$8.3bn
- **Excellent fit between complementary businesses**
- **Ability to serve all customer segments through all distribution channels**
- **Synergy benefits of at least \$160mm annually when fully implemented**

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Strategic Rationale (continued)

Acquisition of OfficeMax

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- **Catalyst for unlocking shareholder value**



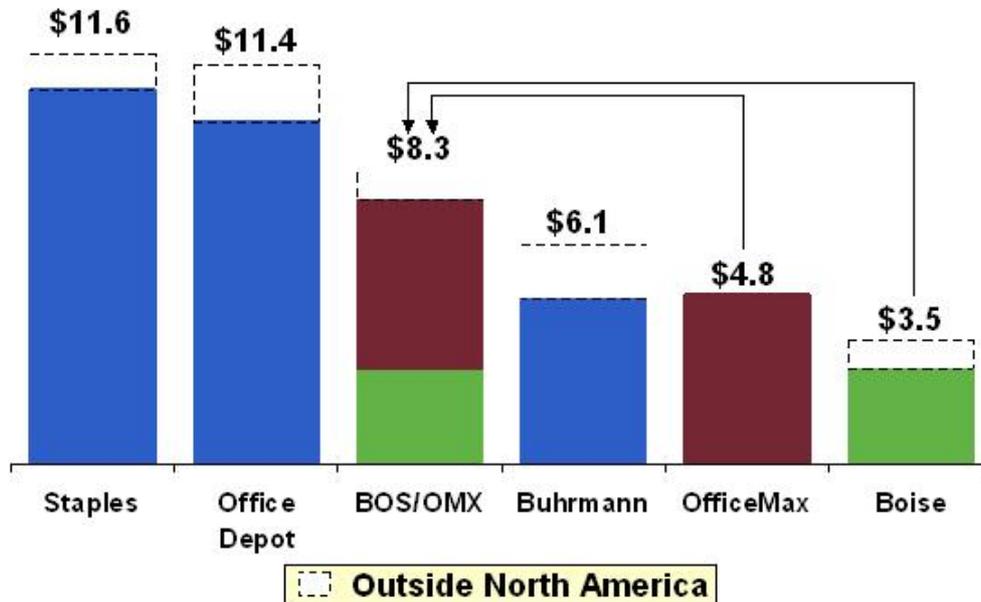
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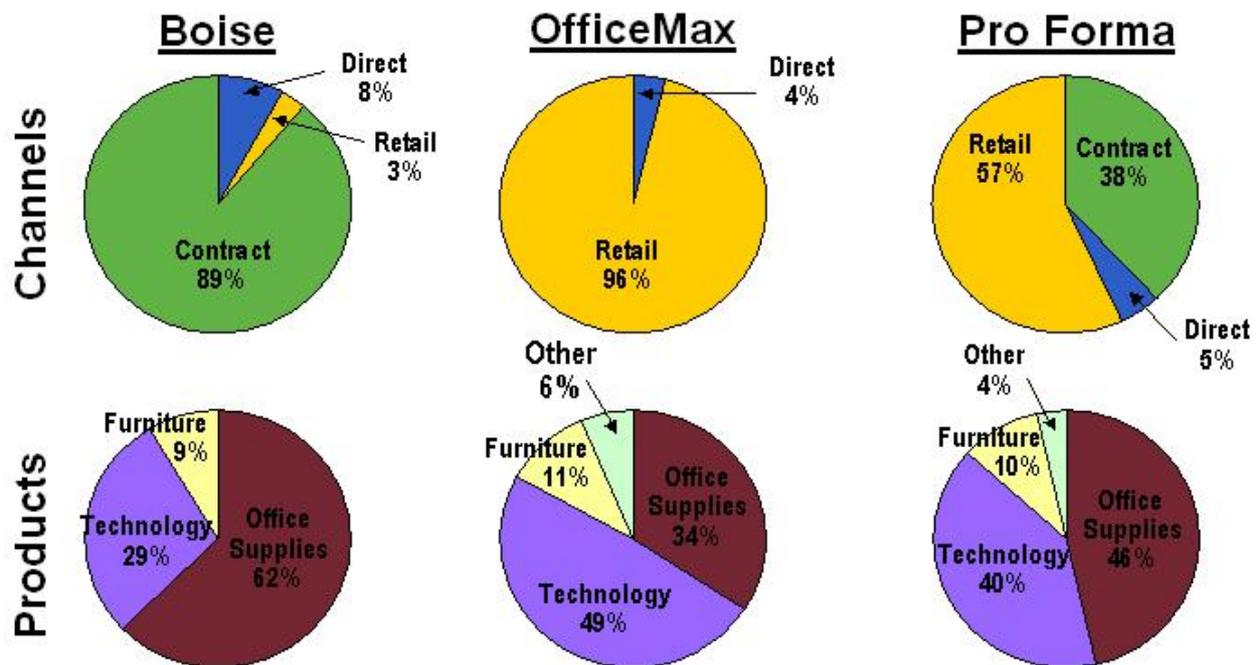
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Strong Presence across Channels and Product Segments

BOS/OMX Pro Forma 2002 Sales



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Excellent Fit between Complementary Businesses

Boise Office Solutions

OfficeMax

▪ Customer Focus	Business to Business	Business to Consumer
▪ SKUs	10,000	12,000
▪ U.S. Distribution	41 facilities	20 facilities
▪ Associates	13,000	31,000
▪ Key Brands:	Boise Office Solutions Reliable Grand & Toy	OfficeMax CopyMax FurnitureMax

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Significant Synergies Achievable

- Operating synergies:**
- \$160mm annual pretax operating synergies
 - \$130mm cost synergies
 - \$30mm revenue synergies
 - Potential upside
- Expected timing:**
- \$100mm in 2004
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 - \$160mm in 2006
- Non-operating synergies:**
- Efficiency in combined capital spending
 - Reduced working capital needs

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Top Priority: Realize Synergies

	(\$mm)
Purchasing leverage <i>Detailed buildup translates to approximately 1% reduction in COGS across overlapping products</i>	\$ 60
Logistics and administration <i>Elimination of duplicate distribution infrastructures</i>	40
Marketing <i>Leverage brand; customer lists; telemarketing organization</i>	30
Paper sales <i>Productivity enhancements</i>	30
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Combination Creates Outstanding Growth Platform

Boise

- U.S. leader in contract office supplies
- Distribution expertise across multiple segments
- Premier customer service in the industry
- Track record of integration success
- Strong management team

OfficeMax

- Highest same-store growth in superstore sector
- Highly recognized brand
- Leading retail expertise
- New store format proving highly successful
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Improving
Macroeconomic
Environment

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Key OfficeMax Initiatives

- Remodeling program
 - New store prototypes
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Improving Results

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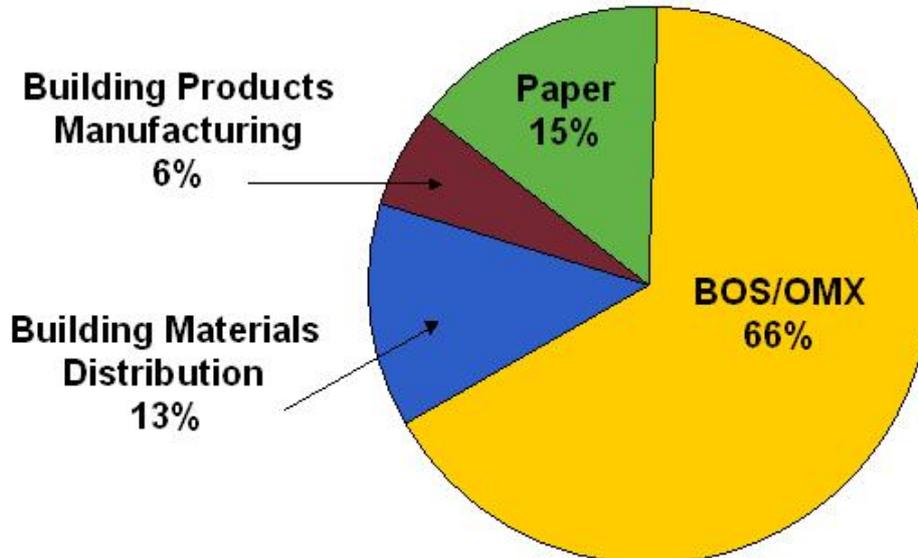
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| ▪ Capitalization Table | | |
| – Debt | \$1,630 mm | \$2,116 mm |
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| – Debt / Total Capitalization | 51.3% | 47.6% |
- Pro-forma business mix enhances stability
 - Strong cash flow and potential asset sales are expected to facilitate rapid deleveraging
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*Includes \$172.5mm of adjustable conversion-rate equity securities

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Transaction Dramatically Shifts Boise's Business Mix

Pro Forma 2002 Sales
Before eliminations



Total: \$12.7 billion

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Evaluation of Strategic Alternatives for Paper and Building Products

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Acquisition of OfficeMax

- **Creates world-class office products distributor**
- **Addresses all customer segments through all distribution channels**
- **Exceptional synergy benefits**
- **Financially attractive**
- **Prudently financed**
- **Catalyst for unlocking shareholder value**



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