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EnviroJustice Calls on OfficeMax to Become a Good Steward to the World's Endangered Forests

MARTINEZ, CA – EnviroJustice today joined a coalition of environmental groups from around the world as a signatory to a letter to OfficeMax CEO Sam Duncan calling on the office products and paper retailer to become a good steward of the world's remaining endangered forests. Led by Dogwood Alliance and ForestEthics, over 100 organizations, including EnviroJustice, requested that the company stop purchasing and selling paper originating from endangered forests.

The letter urges OfficeMax to stop purchasing paper from endangered forests and increase the average post-consumer recycled paper sold at its stores. In addition to asking the company to protect endangered forests, the groups also urged OfficeMax to work with its paper suppliers, including International Paper (IP: NYSE), to end other unsustainable forestry practices such as large-scale clearcutting and the conversion of native forests to sterile pine plantations.

Because OfficeMax is one of the largest retailers of paper products in the world, it plays a key role in the fate of the world's endangered forests. Its two largest competitors, Staples (SPLS: NasdaqGS) and Office Depot (ODP: NYSE), have started implementing environmental paper procurement policies to end sourcing from endangered forests and increase their overall average of post-consumer recycled content sold. OfficeMax has the opportunity to join them in protecting these natural treasures for future generations.

"This is an opportunity for OfficeMax to join the top of its industry and stop being a laggard in protecting endangered forests. To do anything less is unacceptable," declared Gregory Hile, president of EnviroJustice. "Protection of endangered forests is also the protection of endangered people."

For a copy of the letter to OfficeMax:

http://pressroomda.greenmediatoolshed.org/objects/view.acs?object_id=9659

For more information on the OfficeMax campaign:

<http://www.dogwoodalliance.org/campaign/OMX.php>

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