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**DONATION TO U.S. CHAMBER FROM OFFICE DEPOT FOUNDATION
TO HELP WITH RECOVERY AFTER CALIFORNIA WILDFIRES**

Fuel Cards, Backpacks, School Supplies, Water and Assistance for Animals Also on the Way

Delray Beach, Fla., October 25, 2007 – While the danger to lives and property from the wildfires in Southern California remains imminent, the Office Depot Foundation is seeking to ensure that efforts to facilitate the region’s recovery can start quickly – and intelligently.

The Office Depot Foundation – the independent foundation serving as the primary charitable giving arm of Office Depot (NYSE: ODP) – announced today that it has donated \$15,000 to the United States Chamber of Commerce Business Civic Leadership Center’s (BCLC) Business Disaster Assistance and Recovery Program. The funds will be used to:

- Support the organization of a national team of experts to serve as a resource for local authorities in their efforts to benchmark the damage and identify critical requirements for the recovery process.
- Aid in the deployment of an experienced disaster recovery team to the region to provide recovery support services for the local business community.

In addition to its support for BCLC, the Office Depot Foundation announced that it is providing \$5,000 in fuel cards to the American Red Cross for use by volunteers and emergency response workers. The Foundation also is sending educational supplies, 2,000 backpacks and cases of water to help the children of evacuees. Additionally, a \$2,500 donation will be made to support the rescue and safety of animals in the area.

Furthermore, as was the case following Hurricane Katrina, Office Depot stores in Southern California are providing business assistance to impacted communities to help aid in recovery, including free fax, internet and email services, along with cell phone and laptop charging.

“This donation marks the implementation of a new approach to disaster response,” said Stephen Jordan, Senior Vice President and Executive Director of BCLC. “Traditionally, most disaster response activities have focused on the immediate crisis, but we’ve learned that