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Serving Canadians for 20 Years and Still Going Strong, Staples Brings Easy to Your Office

Richmond Hill, ON (October 17) - Today, Staples Canada/Bureau en Gros proudly celebrates 20 years of operation in Canada.

The office supply company first opened doors under the name The Business Depot in October of 1991. Twenty years later, Staples Canada is happy to celebrate the success of over 330 stores and 15,000 employees in Canada.

Current President, Steve Matyas was The Business Depot's first employee, and has been involved all the way in the company's rise through the ranks to become Canada's largest office supply retailer in the marketplace.

"I am so proud to be part of the Staples Canada success story and to have seen the company grow from a small idea into one of North America's most recognized brands," said Matyas. "We owe it to the people who devote their time and energy to its success every day, and to the customers who believe in our commitment to excellence."

As Staples Canada continues to grow, it is focused on bringing easy to its customers as a trusted source for office solutions and becoming Canada's primary technology destination. The company is in the midst of expanding its technology offering to include the most cutting-edge electronic, computer, tablet and phone inventory from tech industry leaders such as Apple, Blackberry, and HP, to name a few.

The plan to position Staples as Canada's tech destination goes beyond product offerings, with the recent rollout of *easytech 4business*, a complete, managed program of IT solutions delivered by certified tech professionals. The program offers solutions designed for small to medium-sized businesses, with dedicated support services such as preventative maintenance, disaster recovery and more, customized to fit individual needs. The small business owner gets all the benefits of an in-house IT department, at a fraction of the price.

Also contributing Staples Canada's success is a strong commitment to corporate giving and community involvement. The retailer has been a national sponsor of Special Olympics Canada since 1996 and, together with customers, donates over \$600,000 annually to the organization. In addition, Staples demonstrates corporate responsibility in

communities from coast to coast through its successful School Supply Drive program, which recently generated over one-million dollars for local schools and charities. As well, Staples supports a number of environmental initiatives, including diversion of ink and toner cartridges from landfills through the Million Cartridge Challenge, which challenges Canadians to drop used ink and toner cartridges at Staples stores for recycling.

“Staples Canada is a unique Canadian success story. We look forward to building upon our success, expanding our business and growing loyalty with our customers. Given our current track record, I am confident the future is bright for us,” said Matyas.

About Staples Canada

Staples, Canada’s largest office products company is committed to providing Canadians with a wide choice of office services and products. Serving all types of business—from the small home office to large enterprise—Staples makes it easy for customers to operate their offices efficiently and affordably by offering an extensive selection of office supplies, technology, electronics and office furniture as well as business services, including computer repair and maintenance, and copy and print services. Operating as Bureau en Gros^{MC} in the province of Quebec and Staples[®] Canada in all other provinces, the company employs over 15,000 associates at 320+ stores and at their head office in Richmond Hill, Ontario. Ranked as one of Canada’s top five Canadian companies in Marketing Magazine’s Marketing/Leger 2010 Corporate Reputation Survey, Staples/Bureau en Gros is dedicated to offering customers the highest level of service, whether they choose to shop in-store, by catalogue or online. Staples Canada/Bureau en Gros is also invested in a number of corporate giving programs that actively support environmental, educational and entrepreneurial initiatives in Canadian communities from coast to coast. Visit www.staples.ca for more information, and follow us on Facebook at www.Facebook.com/StaplesCanada and on Twitter at www.Twitter.com/StaplesCanada

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