IN THE MATTER of the Competition Act, R.S.C. 1985, c. C-34, as amended;

AND IN THE MATTER of an Application by the Commissioner of Competition for an Order pursuant to section 92 of the *Competition Act*;

AND IN THE MATTER of the proposed acquisition of Office Depot, Inc. by Staples, Inc.

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Applicant

and

STAPLES, INC., STAPLES AMS, INC., AND OFFICE DEPOT, INC.

Respondents

NOTICE OF DISCONTINUANCE

TAKE NOTICE that, the Commissioner of Competition (the "Commissioner") hereby discontinues the Commissioner's Application filed under s. 92 of the *Competition Act* in this matter, with the consent of the Respondents, on a without costs basis.

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