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An easy way to win a 2007 Volkswagen!

STAPLES Business Depot/Bureau en Gros holds its Sixth Annual Customer Appreciation Days, May 10th through 30th

TORONTO, ON – May 10, 2006 – STAPLES Business Depot/Bureau en Gros is saying thank you to their customers by hosting Customer Appreciation Days from May 10 to May 30, 2006, in addition to offering customers the opportunity to win fabulous prizes. Customer Appreciation Days are being held at all STAPLES Business Depot/Bureau en Gros locations across Canada, as well as online and through catalogue sales.

Customer Appreciation Days promise to provide valued customers with special offers and chances to win an assortment of fabulous prizes. This year, for the first time, STAPLES Business Depot/Bureau en Gros has partnered with Volkswagen Canada and one lucky customer will win the Grand Prize - an all-new 2007 Volkswagen*. Second prize consists of one of five trips for two to, the entertainment capital of the world, Las Vegas, Nevada, which includes three nights hotel accommodations on the famous Las Vegas strip, \$500 US spending money and airfare courtesy of West Jet Airlines. Third Prize is a Toshiba Satellite A100-LE6 Laptop**, which will be awarded to 10 lucky customers.

Customers can enter the **Customer Appreciation Days Contest** online at www.staples.ca/contest or www.bureauengros.com/concours and in-store at any STAPLES Business Depot/Bureau en Gros store location across Canada.

“Our commitment to providing an easy shopping experience results in great relationships with our customers,” says Steve Matyas, President, STAPLES Business Depot/Bureau en Gros. “We want to say thank you to our customers for their loyalty by offering them exceptional deals and opportunities to win exciting prizes during Customer Appreciation Days. We also encourage new customers to experience our exceptional customer service from any of our over 13,000 associates and find out for themselves just how much we appreciate their business.”

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STAPLES Business Depot/Bureau en Gros invites customers to shop three ways: in person at over 260 locations across Canada, online at www.staples.ca or by phone at 1-888-STAPLES (782-7537). No matter which way they choose to shop STAPLES Business Depot/Bureau en Gros promises to make it easy to have a chance to win a 2007 Volkswagen!

About STAPLES Business Depot

The Business Depot Ltd. was founded in Toronto in 1991. It is Canada's largest supplier of office supplies, business machines, office furniture and business services for the small business and home office customer. The company is an everyday low price retailer. The chain operates stores in all provinces across Canada under the banners STAPLES ® Business Depot™ and BUREAU EN GROS™. The company has over 13,000 employees serving customers through more than 260 office superstores, catalogue, and e-commerce. STAPLES ® Business Depot™/BUREAU EN GROS™ is committed to making shopping easy by offering customers three ways to shop - online, by catalogue and in-store. More information is available at www.staples.ca.

About Staples

Staples, Inc. invented the office superstore concept in 1986 and today is the world's largest office products company. With 69,000 talented associates, the company is committed to making it easy to buy a wide range of office products, including supplies, technology, furniture, and business services. With 2005 sales of \$16.1 billion, Staples serves consumers and businesses ranging from home-based businesses to Fortune 500 companies in 21 countries throughout North and South America, Europe and Asia. Headquartered outside of Boston, Staples operates approximately 1,780 office superstores and also serves its customers through mail order catalog, e-commerce and contract businesses. More information is available at www.staples.com.

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*Approximate retail value \$19,990 + applicable taxes

**Retail value approximately \$1,300 + applicable taxes