

SERIES ADJUSTMENTS - 2005-047 ONN INFORMATION CIRCULAR # 940 April 15, 2005

Staples, Inc. (SPLS) 3 For 2 Stock Split

Ex-Distribution Date: 4/18/2005

Staples, Inc. (PLQ/SPLS) has declared a 3 For 2 stock split payable to shareholders of record on March 29, 2005. Distribution date for the stock split will be Friday, April 15, 2005. Ex-distribution date for the stock split will be Monday, April 18, 2005.

Contract Adjustments:

Pursuant to the by-laws of The Options Clearing Corporation ("OCC"), all Staples, Inc. options will be adjusted as follows:

Adjustment Date: Effective with exercises of Monday, April 18, 2005 and thereafter.

ISE Underlying Symbol(s): Unchanged - SPLS

OPRA Option Symbol(s): PLQ/YWL/OQZ becomes POZ/YWN/OWH

Size of Contract: 150 shares

Strike Prices: Reduced by dividing existing strikes by 1.5 and rounding to the nearest eighth.

Multiplier: 150 (e.g., Premium of 1.00 = \$150)

New Deliverable/Contract: 150 Shares of Staples, Inc.

GTC Order Cancellation:

On Friday, April 15, 2005, immediately after the ISE close, all resting orders in the SPLS order book will be cancelled.

Position and Exercise Limits:

The ISE Surveillance Department has determined that position and exercise limits following this stock split, and until January 20, 2007 expiration will be any combination of PLQ and POZ/YWN/OWH options not to exceed 11,250,000 shares of S through the January 20, 2007, at which time it will revert to its standard limit of 75,000 contracts.

Unadjusted New Shares:

New SPLS series with a contract unit of 100 shares will be introduced on Tuesday, April 19, 2005. Strike prices and expiration months will be announced on a separate release.

Adjusted Exercise Prices:

On Monday, April 18, 2005, the ex-distribution date, trading in SPLS series will be on an adjusted basis. The strike price adjustments listed below are expected based on the current outstanding series. Any additional SPLS series added prior to the ex-date will also be adjusted in the manner outlined below.

 Staples, Inc. (SPLS/PLQ)
 Staples, Inc. (SPLS/POZ)

 (Before 4/18/2005)
 (Beginning 4/18/2005)

 (100 shrs SPLS)
 (150 shrs SPLS)

ISE Series	<u>OPRA</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Strike</u>	Calls/Puts	ISE Series	<u>OPRA</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Strike</u>	Calls/Puts
SPLS5MAY25.0C/P SPLS5MAY30.0C/P	PLQ PLQ	MAY MAY	25 30	EE/QE EF/QF	SPLS5MAY16.6CX/PX SPLS5MAY20.0CX/PX	POZ POZ	MAY MAY	16 5/8 20	EU/QU ED/QD
SPLS5MAY35.0C/P	PLQ	MAY	35	EG/QG	SPLS5MAY23.4CX/PX	POZ	MAY	23 3/8	EV/QV

Staples, Inc. (SPLS/PLQ) (Before 4/18/2005) (100 shrs SPLS) Staples, Inc. (SPLS/POZ) (Beginning 4/18/2005) (150 shrs SPLS)

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SPLS5MAY40.0C/P	PLQ	MAY	40	EH/QH	SPLS5MAY26.6CX/PX	POZ	MAY	26 5/8	EW/QW
SPLS5JUN25.0C/P	PLQ	JUN	25	FE/RE	SPLS5JUN16.6CX/PX	POZ	JUN	16 5/8	FU/RU
SPLS5JUN30.0C/P	PLQ	JUN	30	FF/RF	SPLS5JUN20.0CX/PX	POZ	JUN	20	FD/RD
SPLS5JUN35.0C/P	PLQ	JUN	35	FG/RG	SPLS5JUN23.4CX/PX	POZ	JUN	23 3/8	FV/RV
SPLS5JUN40.0C/P	PLQ	JUN	40	FH/RH	SPLS5JUN26.6CX/PX	POZ	JUN	26 5/8	FW/RW
SPLS5SEP25.0C/P	PLQ	SEP	25	IE/UE	SPLS5SEP16.6CX/PX	POZ	SEP	16 5/8	IU/UU
SPLS5SEP30.0C/P	PLQ	SEP	30	IF/UF	SPLS5SEP20.0CX/PX	POZ	SEP	20	ID/UD
SPLS5SEP35.0C/P	PLQ	SEP	35	IG/UG	SPLS5SEP23.4CX/PX	POZ	SEP	23 3/8	IV/UV
SPLS5SEP40.0C/P	PLQ	SEP	40	IH/UH	SPLS5SEP26.6CX/PX	POZ	SEP	26 5/8	IW/UW

Staples, Inc. - 2006 Leap (SPLS/YWL) (Before 4/18/2005) (100 shrs SPLS) Staples, Inc. - 2006 Leap (SPLS/YWN) (Beginning 4/18/2005) (150 shrs SPLS)

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SPLS6JAN25.0C/P	YWL	JAN	25	AE/ME	SPLS6JAN16.6CX/PX	YWN	JAN	16 5/8	AU/MU
SPLS6JAN30.0C/P	YWL	JAN	30	AF/MF	SPLS6JAN20.0CX/PX	YWN	JAN	20	AD/MD
SPLS6JAN35.0C/P	YWL	JAN	35	AG/MG	SPLS6JAN23.4CX/PX	YWN	JAN	23 3/8	AV/MV
SPLS6JAN40.0C/P	YWL	JAN	40	AH/MH	SPLS6JAN26.6CX/PX	YWN	JAN	26 5/8	AW/MW

Staples, Inc. - 2007 Leap (SPLS/OQZ) (Before 4/18/2005) (100 shrs SPLS) Staples, Inc. - 2007 Leap (SPLS/OWH) (Beginning 4/18/2005) (150 shrs SPLS)

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SPLS7JAN25.0C/P SPLS7JAN30.0C/P SPLS7JAN35.0C/P SPLS7JAN40.0C/P	OQZ OQZ OQZ OQZ	JAN JAN JAN JAN	25 30 35 40	AE/ME AF/MF AG/MG AH/MH	SPLS7JAN16.6CX/PX SPLS7JAN20.0CX/PX SPLS7JAN23.4CX/PX SPLS7JAN26.6CX/PX	OWH OWH OWH	JAN JAN JAN JAN	16 5/8 20 23 3/8 26 5/8	AU/MU AD/MD AV/MV AW/MW

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