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**OFFICE SUPPLIES STATIONERY AMNESTY DAY
31st MARCH 2006**

GIVE US YOUR STATIONERY!

How much unwanted or obsolete stationery is hiding in your office? Want to get rid of it, help the environment and support good causes at the same time? If so, first2office, the leading office supplies company, is calling for London companies to join them in the first ever Office Supplies Amnesty (OSA).

Rather than simply throw away surplus, unwanted, redundant or unusable office supplies, first2office is asking London companies to get involved and donate these pens, folders, envelopes and general office items* that are no longer needed in the office.

The office supplies that are donated will then be sorted into 'usable' 'recyclable' and non-recyclable. The usable stationery is being donated to "In Kind Direct", a charity founded by HRH The Prince of Wales in 1996, who distributes surplus goods donated by UK companies to hundreds of UK charities working at home and abroad.

Nothing goes to waste

The non-recyclable office supplies will also be put to good use. At the end of 2006 first2office will hold its first 'give-me life' art's exhibition and Arts awards. Students from the Royal College of Art (RCA) will be given the challenge of creating artwork using the donated office supplies; therefore prolonging and transforming the life of waste office supplies. A prestigious judging panel will then judge the artwork, with first2office sponsoring the awards. (Artistic progress can be viewed from the Amnesty website –<http://amnesty.first2office.biz>) . An exhibition and auction of the

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sculptures will be held, with all money raised going to the charity “Help a London Child”.

(first2office will manage the recycling of any unusable recyclable products).

Gabbi Hillier, Director of Marketing at first2office said; “In a world of diminishing resources the environment is high on every business agenda and the amount of unwanted stationery that companies acquire and stock can be quite shocking. This observation led to the creation of the Office Supplies Amnesty Day, where we would be able to help companies ‘spring clean’, minimise the impact on the environment, and ultimately, help two important charities.

To take part, all companies have to do is follow these simple steps;

- ❑ Arrange your own internal Office Supplies Amnesty Day and collect as much unwanted stationery as possible.
- ❑ Log on to <http://amnesty.first2office.biz> and fill in the ‘come and collect’ form.
- ❑ first2office will then collect the unwanted goods w/c 27th March

Notes To Editors

Certain office items are excluded from the Office Supplies Amnesty due to health and safety reasons. Please visit <http://amnesty.first2office.biz> for a list of exclusions

For more information on In Kind Direct please visit www.inkinddirect.org

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About first2office:

A rapidly growing and innovative company, **first2office** supplies an extensive range of office supplies and print to businesses across the UK, and combines the scope and purchasing power of a nationwide operator with levels of care and attention more usually associated with local enterprises.

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office2office plc is a leading business services group that provides a wide range of business products and services, ranging from print management and office products, to consumables, event management, design, telecoms, e-software solutions, office refurbishment and furniture, and office technology products.

Today, the **office2office** group is at the forefront of the industry and has become first choice for customers ranging from central and local government, and large multinational companies through to a broad spectrum of organisations of all sizes and types.

The aim of **office2office** is to manage the supply of “everything” for the office.

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