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### **Business Management Firm ESG Receives Prestigious Office Depot, Inc. ‘Integration Partner of the Year’ Award**

**DENVER** March 13, 2017 - Execution Specialists Group (ESG) has been awarded the Office Depot, Inc. “Integration Partner of the Year” award in honor of its collaborative integration efforts in the merger between Office Depot and OfficeMax.

“Throughout three years of change, ESG remained a constant,” said Rick DiMaio, vice president of distribution for Office Depot, Inc. “We recognize that the synergy with ESG has been crucial to our smooth integration of Office Depot and OfficeMax. The talent and dedication of the teams working on the integration gave us confidence to deliver on our original promise to build a stronger, more efficient competitor positioned to meet the growing challenges of a rapidly changing industry.”

After starting its business engagement with Office Depot in 2010, ESG expanded its role in late 2013 to support the company merger with OfficeMax by providing strategic counsel in areas such as merchandising, wholesaler conversion, IMO support, CSO support, operations, and supply chain PMO. ESG has continued its support of Office Depot post-merger to assist in further strategic development with a specific focus on supply chain and sales deployment.

“We are honored to receive this prominent award from our valued client that showcases our partnership,” said Mark Newhall, founder and chief executive officer of ESG. “The ESG team has worked alongside Office Depot leadership for years to assist with smooth company-wide transformation, and we are pleased with both the results and collaboration.”

ESG received acknowledgement as one of *Forbes*’ “2016 Top Management Consulting Firms.” Most recently, the firm continues to evolve in both clientele and associates, growing its presence within the industry through the launch of its Making Strategy Happen foundation (MSH), which is focused on providing strategic management consulting to nonprofit organizations nationwide.

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#### **ABOUT ESG**

Based in Colorado, Execution Specialists Group (ESG) is a strategy execution-focused consultancy with extensive global experience engaging with client senior leadership to plan and deliver on complex integration, transformation, and innovation objectives. Recognized by *Forbes* as one of the “Top Management Consulting Firms of 2016,” ESG leaders have managed hundreds of integrations across all functional disciplines including sales, merchandising, supply chain, marketing, real estate, technology, human resources, and finance to deliver disciplined program design and execution. Clients include Office Depot, Salesforce, Google Enterprise, OfficeMax, Staples, Whole Foods, Honda, and more. To learn more about ESG, visit [www.esgimpact.com](http://www.esgimpact.com). More information on the MSH foundation can be found at [www.msh-foundation.org](http://www.msh-foundation.org).

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