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SYSTEMAX POSTPONES 2005 ANNUAL MEETING

PORT WASHINGTON, NY, May 13, 2005 – Systemax Inc. (NYSE:SYX), a leading distributor and manufacturer of PC hardware, related computer products and industrial products in North America and Europe, announced today that it is postponing its 2005 Annual Stockholders Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 24, 2005. The Company expects to announce a new meeting date within the next few weeks. The Board of Directors of the Company decided to postpone the Annual Meeting as a result of the Company's previously announced decision to restate its financial results for the year ended December 31, 2004 following the discovery of errors in accounting for inventory at its Tiger Direct, Inc. subsidiary. The Board believes that it is in the best interests of the stockholders to postpone the Annual Meeting until after the Company circulates restated financial results.

Systemax Inc. (www.systemax.com) utilizes an integrated system of branded e-commerce web sites, direct mail catalogs and relationship marketers to sell PC hardware, related computer products and industrial products in North America and Europe. Systemax is a Fortune 1000 company.

Forward-Looking Statements

This press release contains forward-looking statements about the Company's performance. These statements are based on management's estimates, assumptions and projections and are not guarantees of future performance. The Company assumes no obligation to update these statements. Actual results may differ materially from results expressed or implied in these statements as the result of risks, uncertainties and other factors including, but not limited to: (a) unanticipated variations in sales volume, (b) economic conditions and exchange rates, (c) actions by competitors, (d) the continuation of key vendor relationships, (e) the ability to maintain satisfactory loan agreements with lenders, (f) risks associated with the delivery of merchandise to customers utilizing common carriers, (g) the operation of the Company's management information systems, and (h) unanticipated legal and administrative proceedings. Please refer to the Forward Looking Statements section contained in Item 7 of the Company's Form 10-K for a more detailed explanation of the inherent limitations in such forward-looking statements.