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**SYSTEMAX ANNOUNCES UK STREAMLINING AND REORGANIZATION  
REDUCING COSTS**

**PORT WASHINGTON, NY, January 27, 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 taking steps to increase the efficiency and profitability of its UK operations.

Richard Leeds, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, stated, “By combining certain back office operations we will increase efficiency, provide better customer service and at the same time reduce costs and increase profitability.” Mr. Leeds added that approximately 100 positions are being eliminated, which is expected to result in approximately \$3.4 million in annual savings.

Systemax ([www.systemax.com](http://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 Inc. is a Fortune 1000 company.

**Forward-Looking Statements**

This press release may contain 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.